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Editorial.

IN THE SECRET PLACES WITH GOD.

The life of Christ possesses wonderful interest to those who study it persistently and prayerfully. The deeper we go into it the richer are the results of our investigations. And one feature of it which reveals more largely his success in dealing with men is the fact that he often sought the solitudes where he could hold secret communion with God. After contact with the world through long hours of weary labor he frequently found it necessary to draw himself aside and away from the throng and spend a season alone with his Father. Hence we often find him on the distant mountains where no human disturbance could reach him talking with God. His haunts were found in the secret places of the most high. He cultivated them and made himself familiar with them. Often while others were wrapped in slumber, taking their rest for the work of the next day, he was on the alert and throwing open the doors of his soul for silent and prolonged communion. It was on account of this that he could always say, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of him which sent me." Such was his intimacy with the Father that his will was constantly in harmony with the divine will. In this we ought to learn a great lesson. If Christ needed this personal communion with the Father in order to accomplish the ends of his mission, how much more do we need it in our work and personal experience. The busy world affords us no time for renewing our spiritual strength. On the contrary, the world is constantly exhausting our resources. We can only renew our strength by coming into close relation with God. This will require us to absolve ourselves from the world and to seek the secret places where the soul and God can hold undisturbed consultation. Under such conditions we want to shut out the world and withdraw from men and have a star-chamber interview with him who seeth in secret and who delighteth in soul-conferences. It is here that we learn the will of God and come into oneness with the purposes of God. There is a great advantage in going behind closed doors to talk with God, or out into the solitudes of the forest. Unbroken quietness puts the air and the soul into vibrant relation to the most High. God can the better speak to us in the absence of the noises of the world. He wants our undivided attention at the time we pray, otherwise his mind can not perfectly flow into ours. Therefore secret prayer is indispensable to the growth of the soul in spiritual richness and nourishing communion. As children he becomes intimate with us in private prayer. He takes us off to one side and tells us of his fatherly interest in us, and thus it is that he leaves an indescribable peace upon the soul. The whole moral and spiritual nature is made to glow under the silent touches of his invisible Spirit. On account of this Moses came down from the mountain with his very face so luminous that it had to be veiled before the people could look upon him. God is the same to-day and his chil-

dren can still find him in the secret places ready to flood them with peace and light if they will withdraw from the world and seek him with their whole hearts. O thou tired burden-bearer of earth, enter into thy closet, lift up thy face to the throne, and with an undivided heart, call upon thy Father and find rest and comfort and spiritual power!

PLEASANT WORDS ARE HELPFUL.

Sometimes we are asked why we say pleasant things about so many preachers and people in the Advocate. Well, the question is not difficult to answer. In the first place, there are pleasant things that can be said about most people who are trying to live right. For these we are constantly looking, and we always find that for which we earnestly look. We care not how gloomy people may be, or how disagreeable they seem to make themselves, or how repellent they often become, nevertheless there is always another side to them, and if you will look for it there will be no trouble to find it. Since we have had charge of the paper we have studiously tried to close our eyes to the unpleasant and disagreeable things in those who are doing their best to live right and to open them upon those things of which a good and pleasant word can be spoken. Hence, we say nothing in our personal notices of brethren and visitors except that which is commendable. Were we to adopt this rule in private life, how much happier it would make us and those about whom we speak! Unfortunately the bad that is in people is prominent, and to see it and speak of it is one of the weaknesses of the flesh. The result is that we often do each other a great damage by our unguarded and ungenerous references to the disagreeable things we behold in others. A kind word may be said about almost anybody, and it is often an inspiration. It is better then to speak of the good rather than the bad in people. In the second place, we help our brethren and sisters by speaking kindly of them. Kind words never leave any stings behind them, but on the other hand they encourage and awaken gratitude and pleasurable emotions. It is therefore a great deal better to encourage than to disparage, to inspire than to oppress, to leave pleasant memories instead of bitter recriminations. For these reasons we make it a rule to say something good about the people whom we have occasion to mention in these columns. We can do it truthfully and it gives us pleasure to practice it. Would that we were persistently quick always to see the good and speak of it rather than to hunt for the bad and magnify it.

Consecration is the secret of deep spirituality. The man who sets his life apart for holy service and then devotes himself to it persistently is the man whose kinship with Christ can not be questioned. That is what Paul means when he says, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice which is your reasonable service." Such lives are daily upon the altar of duty and deeply pious.

SPIRITUAL FERVOR AN ELEMENT OF EFFICIENCY.

The ministry and the laity need the stimulus of spiritual fervor in the work of the Church. This has been an element of efficiency from the very beginning in the forces of Methodism as an evangelical agency in reaching the masses of the people. In fact, it is this sort of earnestness that differentiates our activities and methods from those of other denominations. On account of it the great Dr. Chalmers denominated Methodism as Christianity in earnest, and to-day it is the measure of our success. Just in proportion as we have deep spiritual fervor in our work, just in that proportion do we accomplish results. In the absence of it there is deadness and inertia. But when we are charged with this subtle power then things come to pass. And when we devoutly believe that the salvation of men really depends upon their acceptance of Christ and that our own salvation also depends upon it, we get desperately in earnest and our whole nature throbs with an intensity that can not be suppressed. The gospel becomes to us an awful and at the same time a joyous reality. We cry out, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." We not only believe in the power of the gospel, but men become convinced that we believe it. And our manifest faith in its power gives us access to the hearts and consciences of the people. To have this active fervor we need to have constant contact with God, who is its source and generator. Any disconnection at this point is fatal to our experience and power. Last winter on a cold, sleety day we noticed that all the electric street cars stopped and travel was suspended. On inquiry we learned that the trolley wire was coated over with ice so that the trolley could not touch the wire, and as ice is a non-conductor the trolley received no current and the power was cut off. So it is with us in our relation to God. Our spirits must have unobstructed contact with him or our power is cut off. If we become coated with worldliness or with sin so that God's power can not be delivered to us, we are helpless. Sin and worldliness are non-spiritual conductors. They bar the operations of the Spirit through us. In order for God to make us the medium of his power we must be clean, and then he can charge us with a spiritual force that the world can not resist. Then let our contact with this source of power be unmistakable and our spiritual fervor will abound in the ministry and the laity and the old-time fire will come down upon the Church, sinners will be brought to repentance, mourners will be converted and the membership of the Church increased and strengthened. The apostles had this power on the day of Pentecost, Paul had it in his wonderful ministry and John Wesley had it when he swept over England as the evangel of God. And thousands of God's faithful people have had it and still have it, and to them the Church owes its perpetuity as a saving agency among men. Let spiritual fervor be given to the Church, and its success is assured. O for a baptism of power upon the people of God during this conference year!

FAITH IS THE NORMAL STATE OF THE SOUL.

We once heard a prominent minister while preaching declare that it would be a good thing if some Christian people could have a strong, healthy doubt. Perhaps what he meant was correct, but his way of putting it was unfortunate. There is no such a thing as a healthy doubt in the Christian mind. According to the gospel doubt is the result of spiritual disease, and it is the abnormal condition of the soul. Faith is the result of spiritual health and it is the normal state of the soul. The moment that doubt enters the Christian heart, that very moment spiritual disease is set up in the soul. In order to teach us that faith is the naturally normal state of the heart, Christ took a little child and set him in the midst of the disciples and told them that unless they became as that little child and were converted they could not enter into the Kingdom of heaven. And he meant by that that the child-mind is the normal mind. The little child knows nothing of doubt. It believes all that you tell it, and it raises no sort of question. And it is only when we bring our minds to the condition of the little child-mind that Christ can do his best for us. If we doubt him and his word, he can do nothing for us or with us. It is when we have perfect faith that he can save us and make us joint heirs with himself of God's great family. A healthy doubt therefore is a contradiction of terms. There is no such thing so far as perfect Christian life is concerned. Faith is perfect reliance upon the promises of God, and there can be no perfect reliance when doubt has any place in the heart. Like Paul we always want to be able to say, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." A so-called healthy doubt in Paul's mind would have nullified him for such an utterance. So that we want to get all doubt out of our minds and hearts as a first step toward perfect Christian experience and perfect Christian life.

Christ never performed a miracle for the purpose of gratifying curiosity. He did not play the role of a wonder-worker, as Herod very much desired. Neither did he work miracles in his own personal interest, but in the interest of others. Whenever he performed these wonderful works he had two aims in view—to establish his claim to divinity and to relieve some poor, suffering human being. This was his method of reaching the untrained minds of men in that day. But even then he was very sparing of miracle-working. He appealed mostly to the common sense of the people rather than to their curiosity and fear. It is the truth that saves the people and not material miracles. Now and then he performed a miracle, but he persistently taught the people. It is not miracles that people need, but the truth in demonstration and power. The living Christ is all the miracle we need to-day. To receive him into the heart is to accept the miracle of all miracles and to become the beneficiaries of his miraculous grace.

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—James Russell Lowell.

HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

"On a cold winter evening," said Dr. T. L. Cuyler, recently, "I made my first call on a rich merchant in New York. As I left the door and the piercing gale swept in, I said: 'What an awful night for the poor!' 'He went back and bringing to me a roll of bank bills, said: 'Please hand these for me to the poorest people you know.' 'After a few days I wrote to him the grateful thanks of the poor whom his bounty had relieved, and added: 'How is it that a man so kind to his fellow-creatures has always been so unkind to his Savior as to refuse him his heart?' 'That sentence touched him to the core. He sent for me to come and talk with him, and speedily gave himself to Christ. He has been a most useful Christian ever since. But he told me I was the first person who had talked to him about his soul in twenty years. One hour of pastoral work did more for that man than the pulpit effort of a lifetime.'"

"WITH LONG LIFE WILL I SATISFY THEE."

I get a good deal of comfort out of that promise. I don't think that means a short life down here—seventy years, eighty years, ninety years, or one hundred years. Do you think that any man living would be satisfied if he could live to be one hundred years old, and then have to die? Not by a good deal. Suppose Adam had lived until today, and had to die to-night; would he be satisfied? Not a bit of it! Not if he had lived a million years, and then had to die.

You know we are all the time coming to the end of things here—the end of the week, the end of the month, the end of the year, the end of school-days. It is end, end, end all the time. But, thank God, he is going to satisfy us with long life; no end to it, an endless life.

Life is very sweet. I never liked death; I like life. It would be a pretty dark world if death were eternal, and when our loved ones die we were to be eternally separated from them. Thank God, it is not so; we shall be reunited. It is just moving out of this house into a better one; stepping up higher and living on and on forever.—D. L. Moody.

KEEPING ONE'S LIFE IN TUNE.

Pianos have to be kept in tune. Every now and then the tuner comes and goes over all the strings, keying them up so that there will be no discords when the instrument is played. Our lives have a great many more strings than a piano and much more easily get out of tune. Then they begin to make discords and the music is spoiled. We need to watch them carefully; to keep their strings always up to concert pitch.

One way in which a piano is put out of tune is by use. The constant striking of the strings stretches them and they need to be keyed up from time to time. Life's common experiences have an exhausting effect. It is said of Jesus that "virtue went out of him" as he went about healing those who were sick. Virtue always goes out of us as we work,

succeed—in all things through Christ, which inspires strength into me. A perfect adaptation of the man to all that the Lord wanted of him. This is the only idea of Christian life which has anything to satisfy us.—Mark Guy Pearse.

A TRIUMPHANT DEATH.

The Rev. F. L. McCoy, presiding elder of the Calcutta District, South India Conference, died suddenly. His sickness was of short duration, and was attended with great agony; yet through all he was wonderfully sustained by grace divine. Among his sayings were these:

"The prospect of dying is peaceful and glorious." "Tell me the worst. I am not a child, that it should be kept from me." On being told that his end was near, he remarked: "I am Jesus' own. 'My Jesus, as thou wilt'—that is my hymn." A little later he said: "Friends, raise me up, fan me; bring a light, look into my face, and I will show you how a Christian can die."

"Do we mourn when another star shines out from the glittering sky? Do we weep when the voices of war and the storms of conflict die? Then why should our tears run down And our hearts be sorely riven For another gem in the Savior's crown, And another soul in heaven?"

Like Samson, he may have slain more in his death than in his life. The memory of such a man will endure forever.—Selected.

FAITHFULNESS IN SMALL THINGS.

A number of years ago in a town in Germany there lived a chainmaker unknown to fame. He was poor, but an excellent workman and very conscientious in all that he did. Day after day he labored on quietly, doing most faithful work. He might have shirked his work. He might have done poor, imperfect work, but no, each link of the great chains he made must be right, and so he labored. Years pass and on the great ocean there sails a large vessel with many passengers. On the deck is coiled the great chain, attached to the sheet-anchor. It lies there unnoticed, unthought of. Suddenly a storm arises and grows in intensity. So fierce does it become that the ship is in danger. She flounders. Anchor after anchor is cast over, but the storm is so severe that the chains snap like cords. Then comes the captain's order, "Let go the sheet-anchor!" Now is the moment of suspense. It is the last hope of safety. Will it share the fate of the others? Down into the deep it goes. In a moment the chain is out its length. The vessel quivers from stem to stern between the grasp of the two forces—the storm and the anchor.

The old German chainmaker is battling with the elements. He wins. The anchor holds. The vessel is saved. Honor to the faithful old man. His work stood in the great moment of trial.

In the last great day "every man's work shall be tried," and faithful-ness, faithfulness alone, will win the crown. May we hear the voice of our ascended Lord saying to each one of us: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."—F. Hutchinson, in "Pulpit Treasury."

A LESSON IN A FLOWER.

In a sick-room there was a little rosebush in a pot in a window. There was only one rose on the bush, and its face was turned full toward the light. This fact was noticed and spoken of, when one said that the rose would look no other way but toward the light. Experiments had been made with it; it had been turned away from the window, its face toward the shadow of the interior, but in a little time it would resume its old position. With wonderful persistence, it refused to face the darkness, and in-

sisted on ever looking toward the light.

The flower has its lesson for us. We should never allow ourselves to face toward life's glooms; we should never sit down in the shadows of any sorrow and let the night darken over us into the gloom of despair; we should turn our face away toward the light and quicken every energy for braver duty and truer, holier service. Grief should always make us better and give us new skill and power; it should make our hearts softer, our spirits kindlier, our touch more gentle; it should teach us its holy lessons, and we should learn them, and then go on, with sorrow's sacred ordination upon us, to new love and better service.—J. R. Miller, D.D.

"YE ASK AMISS."

The Yonon Christians speak of prayer as "the gift of the cross." "Blessed is the man so gifted; for in the act of bending to his God he rises to the highest level of humanity. He bows his head to realize what Milton calls 'that lowly loftiness of soul which is exalted by its own humiliation.' He bows his knees, not like a cowering beggar, but like a weary soldier crouching at the fountain to drink up courage for the coming battle. He 'stoops to conquer.'

Prayer is the guard that keeps the fortress of the heart, the porter that secures the doorway of the lips; "a bit for the hand and a sandal for the foot."

Prayer is an anchor in the storm that clasps its fluke upon the Everlasting Rock; a spy-glass for the mariner, who, "reeling on the topmast, sees the distant haven of untroubled rest."

Prayer is the eagle-flight of the soul to gaze at the full midday beam. Prayer is "our vital breath, our native air." It is "the Life of God in man returning when it came." It is the signet-ring of the Creator on the forefinger of the creature. It is the trembling of the cable that unites God's footstool to His throne. It is the sinner's last hope; the saint's perpetual rest.

"Then let my hand forget her skill, My tongue be silent, cold and still, This throbbing heart forget to beat, If I forget the mercy-seat!"

God loves to listen to the voice of supplication. We are instructed to approach Him with the address, "O Thou that hearest prayer." Yet there are some prayers which remain unanswered. Why? Has God forgotten to be gracious?

Each soul has its secret chamber, where unfulfilled and obsolete desires are laid away as sad memorials of the past. Would God they had been granted! These are prayers for material comfort, when the billows of adversity were rolling over us. Prayers for personal sanctification, while we continue to groan under the bondage of the body of this death. Prayers for the conversion of friends, some of whom are still, to all appearance, indifferent to spiritual things. Prayers that would have made us rich in mind and body and estate. Why were they not answered? The fault is not with God. "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss."

In all our Christian experience there is no confession more humiliating than this: "We know not what to pray for as we ought." We fall upon our knees with pious regularity and journey over the proscribed curriculum of "O Lords" and "We beseech Thees." We lift up our hands while our hearts are far from God. This cannot please Him. "Ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your hearts."

Perhaps we have lacked the sincerity of faith. God wants such earnestness as John Knox had when at midnight he prayed, "O God, give me Scotland or I die!" Such fervency as that of Blind Bartimeus

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when he cried, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!" Such opportunity as that of Jacob when he wrestled with the angel till the breaking of the day. Such eager, paining, bleeding passion as that of our Savior when He begged, "O My Father, let this cup pass from Me." If we want our arrows to reach the target up in heaven, we must pull the bowstring hard. God loves our importunity. His kingdom suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

If we are in dead earnest and plead in filial faith, the Father may tarry a season, but He will surely answer in the fullness of His time. Wherefore pray on and expect. "Bide a wee an' dinna weary."—Rev. David James Burnell, D.D.

Do we comprehend the power of love, when it truly reigns in us; how it envelopes us with an atmosphere, pervades those around us, melts down resistance, soothes excitement? A mighty love, showing itself in the eyes, in the voice, in the form, what can it not accomplish? Should we not raise ourselves to this state of calm intensity of love? No man knows the measure of his influence till this love abides in him. Christ's life was a revelation of the spiritual love which filled him. Such a love and such a life should be sought by us.—Channing.

A SOLDIER'S FOE

Knocked Down by Unsuspected Enemy

Coffee so affects the brain and nerves that proper nutrition is interfered with and the final ending is frequently nervous prostration.

"During the Spanish-American war I went with my troop to Chikamauga," says Lieut. J. G. Tabor, of Springfield, Ill. "If there is any one place on earth where one drinks more coffee than another it is in the army. It is a soldier's 'back bone' and I can assure you that I drank my share. After several months of hard drilling my health gave out, the chief cause being coffee, bad food, overwork and heat.

On the advice of the surgeon, I tendered my resignation and with my heart full of regret and my nervous system shattered, I returned home. Almost the first thing the doctor whom I consulted advised me was to quit coffee. That was the first intimation I had that coffee had anything to do with my condition. The next thing was 'what shall I drink?'

My wife's mother used your Postum Food Coffee and knew how to make it right, so I tried it and grew very fond of it. My nervous trouble soon left, my old time health came back, and that fall I gained so in flesh that the boys on returning after 'muster out,' hardly knew me. Quitting coffee and using Postum did wonders for me."

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1901-02.

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The Texas Conference.

Continued from Page 2. splendid new church, at a cost of \$17,750. When they get it completed it will be practically free of debt. The other preachers made very good showings, and some of them did exceedingly well. Mrs. Morgan, Chaplain of the Huntsville branch of the Penitentiary, gave an interesting account of his work among the State prisoners. Also, an interesting letter was read from Rev. E. P. Newsom, Chaplain in the United States Army, telling of his work among the soldiers. Uncle Caleb Smith and Dr. Jno. Adams asked for a superannuated relation. The former has served in the conference twenty-seven years and the latter for nearly half a century. In asking for this relation, he made no speech, but simply made the request. There was a solemn stillness throughout the conference as the old hero arose and made his request. It makes one feel sad to see such men grow old, but it will come to us all in due time. Conference adopted the plan of the other three conferences looking to the building of an Episcopal residence at Dallas, to be owned by the Church for the use of a resident Bishop. Rev. J. T. Smith and Smith Garrison were appointed trustees for this conference. The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. Rev. W. K. Strother spoke a word for Chappell Hill College, of which he is President. Prof. C. C. Cody spoke for Southwestern University, and he spoke well. Rev. A. J. Weeks asked the privilege of making a statement, and presented a handsome cane to Bishop Hendrix, which was made from a piece of wood taken from the first church building ever erected in Texas. The building is located in San Augustine, and was built in 1836. The cane is of tough oak, mounted with a beautifully-carved gold head. The Bishop made a most felicitous response, which was greatly enjoyed by the conference. The conference adopted a resolution asking the College of Bishops to hold the sessions of the conference not later than the last week in November.

Byran was unanimously chosen as the next place for holding the conference. The missionary rally Saturday night was an enthusiastic meeting. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss conducted the opening religious exercises, the congregation singing that stirring hymn of Geo. J. Webb, "The morning light is breaking, the darkness disappears." Rev. J. B. Sears, Missionary Secretary, read the report of the Board of Missions, showing that the assessment this year would be \$9000 each for foreign and for domestic missions, including \$700 for the German work. The appropriations for next year are: For the German Conference, \$700; Pittsburg District, \$750; Marshall District, \$500; Tyler District, \$550; Palestine District, \$350; San Augustine District, \$400; Beaumont District, \$1700; Houston District, \$750; Calvert District, \$600; Brenham District, \$400; Huntsville District, \$1200. Rev. A. E. Rector spoke of the German work substantially as he did at the other conferences. He said the influence of our Methodism was being so felt that in a county almost entirely German, where no line or word had ever gotten into their papers on temperance, no man could be elected to public office unless he went out of the saloon business, and had been out long enough to get the scent of liquor and beer out of his clothes. He also showed that if the English-speaking Methodists of Texas patronized our central educational institution as liberally as did the German Methodists, the buildings at Georgetown would have to be enlarged to meet the demands of over 1,000 students; if the Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues were as well utilized by our English brethren, they would double up, and I believe if the Texas Christian Advocate were as generally taken and read by the English-speaking as it is in proportion by the German members, it would have an enormous circulation. Dr. Seth Ward followed in a stirring, eloquent, forceful, magnificent address. He said that the Germans paid an average of 67 cents per member for missions, while the entire Church averaged only 18 cents. If the other part of the Church paid in like proportion, we would raise over \$900,000 instead of struggling and straining to get 18 cents each for the salvation of the world. Regarding the secular and unchristian cry that foreign missions do not pay, Dr. Ward called attention to our Anglo-Saxon civilization and to the work and efforts in America—all the results and

products of foreign missionary efforts and work, and he said: "I should say, in the case of England and in our case, foreign missions certainly paid." He showed that there are now paid by the Christian world for foreign missions about \$20,000,000 annually; that there are about 18,000 missionaries in foreign lands and about 80,000 native helpers and 1,500,000 communicants, and about 40,500,000 adherents—which is more than three times the number of Christians in the world at the end of the first century, or nine times more, counting adhering but non-members and communicants. To disbelieve in foreign missions is to disbelieve the plain command of Christ and practice and teachings of his apostles—every book in the New Testament but three was written by the apostles while in foreign fields, going to the ends of the world in obedience to their Lord's command to preach the gospel to every creature. If the gospel is not to be preached to every one it is not to be preached to us. We must send the gospel to all the world or else quit preaching a universal salvation. A man has no more right to expect others to pay his missionary contributions than he has to ask them to pay his grocery bills. Such a man is a drone. He said he believed the fate of organized Christianity would be decided in this twentieth century, and he had no doubt of the decision, for there are 100,000 women organized in the work; 70,000 students are enlisted; 25,000,000 Sunday-school children are being trained for it, besides the millions in the Epworth Leagues and kindred Church societies now working in the cause. When this mighty, consecrated force, organized under the Lord's greatest and last command, start out in this one purpose of universal evangelization, the thunder of their marching step will shake the world. At the close of the service Rev. J. T. Smith, President of the Board of Missions, took up a collection to raise the \$200 deficit, and soon had it in hand. Sunday morning was cloudy and threatening, but by 9 o'clock rifts in the clouds let the sun through and the day turned off delightful and fair. Rev. J. S. Mathis conducted the love-feast, and it was a delightful service. Before the preaching hour every available part of the roomy church was crowded to hear the Bishop preach the ordination and dedication sermon.

for Crockett's handsome new brick church was to be dedicated. The Bishop announced as the opening song hymn 191: "O, Spirit of the living God! In all the fullness of thy grace, Where the foot of man hath trod, Descend to our apostate race." The Scripture lessons were Judges 8:4-29 and Acts 11:19-26. The text was Judges 8:21 and Acts 11:24. In part the Bishop said: "This verse is at once a biography and a history. The biography of the men in the pulpit is the history of the people in the pew, for as is the preacher so will be the people. So it was with Barnabas. His princely bearing among men—he was a Levite—was such as to call forth their admiration. They called him Apollos and Paul Jupiter. "Barnabas saw the good in Paul—for it takes a true man to discover the good in another. He who had sold his field and laid the price on the altar, withheld not his praise and his confidence to Saul. Barnabas, when the others were suspicious of Saul, recognized in him a true believer in his Lord the Christ. "Jerusalem was always narrow; it was eminently the center of the strictest Pharisees, and the disciples there suspected any outsider, opposed Saul until Barnabas spoke. So the Church, when the Spirit said, 'Separate unto me Saul and Barnabas,' laid their hands on Saul and Barnabas and sent them forth. Antioch was not narrow. It had no declared religion and was ready to give a hearing to all. When such men as Saul and Barnabas preached Christ, these pagans accepted the 'more acceptable way.' "Do you wonder that in Antioch they were first called Christians? Could they have been so called before? This Scripture is the biography of a man in the pulpit. Never before this had the command of Jesus been obeyed to preach to the world outside Jerusalem. Will you listen, therefore, this morning, my brethren, when I say God's tools are men? God needs men, but he always selects the man fitted, or capable to do, the needed work. He wants to use them as tools—as instruments of his divine purpose. "Napoleon used to say: 'In war men are nothing—a man is everything.' He never had a man to confront him until he met Wellington. God used the Iron Duke to serve his purpose—he was a man. Some one asked the Duke if he

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Table with columns: Name of Church, Assoc. Pd. Includes Pittsburg, Marshall, Tyler, etc.

hadn't made a mistake in the arrangement of his men so as to have a grove behind them to set off retreat. Wellington replied: 'I never intended to retreat!' In such a man, prepared and ready at hand, God found a tool he could use in Wellington. God is ever looking for such men as tools—men who are actuated by his high purposes. "Oh, my brethren, God found such a man in Paul. Why, almost the entire book of Acts is but a biography of this man, and his epistles take up a large part of the New Testament. The record is the history of what kind of man Paul was—the real man. In the moral world men are but the ministers of God unto men. As a man is, so is his strength. Don't imagine, my brethren, that a man is ever a greater preacher than he is a man. If there is no learning in the man there can be none in the sermon; if there is no logic in the man, there can be none in the sermon; if there is no strength in the preacher, there can be none in the sermon; if there is no character in the man, there can be none in the sermon. These things must be in the man before they can be in his preaching and in his ministry. Oh, the minister of God must be a good man before he can impress and lead others to the right. Therefore, it was said of this man Barnabas, 'He is a good man.' Now, my brethren, let us see in what the strength of this man lay. Let us go back to our childhood. What were we taught about God? That he was good. It was to him as a Savior who is good to whom we were taught to pray. It was in the spirit of such teachings we first learned to know and love God. Brethren, God did not reveal himself to men in the sun, nor in the sea—the two greatest works of his material creation. If I did not know God, I should worship the sun. But the sun is not intelligent, though it is the center and source of light and physical life; it can not feel and it can not love. But God revealed himself to man through his Son as a man, and we believe in Christ because

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THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Henceforth we have had fifteen members of the Joint Board of Publication, to whom is committed the care of the Texas Christian Advocate. But the union of the Texas and the East Texas Conferences eliminates three of these members and reduces the number to twelve. Then in the other three conferences a few changes were made, so that half of the present Board are new members.

A PLEASANT EPISODE.

While at the session of the Texas Conference at Crockett, Brother and Sister J. R. Howard, who are earnest members of the Church and constant readers of the Advocate, gave an Advocate dinner to which the writer, the publisher, Miss Russdale and Rev. W. A. Bowen were invited as special guests.

I work for the Advocate because it cause it pays. JOHN W. GOODWIN.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The northern put life into the movements of the brethren.

Rev. Ellis Smith made an ideal conference host and everybody was delighted with his care of the delegates. He goes from Crockett to the Tabernacle Church, Houston.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, who has served the San Augustine District for two years, climbs down and goes to Central Church, Galveston. He is one of the safest men in the conference.

Not many changes were made in the Houston District. The presiding elder and nearly all his men were returned. They did good work and the most of them will succeed themselves.

Rev. J. R. Cochran, who has done good work on the Brenham District, now goes to the Beaumont District. That is a very important position and the right man has it in hand.

Rev. Jno. E. Green, having finished up his quadrennium at McKee Street, Houston, is now in charge of North End, Beaumont. He will make things hum in that section.

Rev. J. W. Johnson goes from the Beaumont District to Orange, one of the leading appointments in the same district. He is a careful and laborious preacher and pastor.

Rev. V. A. Godbey, who for two years has done a magnificent work at Tyler, takes charge of Beaumont's leading congregation. They demanded a strong man and they have received him.

Rev. C. F. Smith, who had a successful term at Jacksonville, is now the presiding elder of the Brenham District. He is not a new man in this office, as he has filled it before. Good results will follow the appointment.

Rev. L. M. Fowler jumps from Athens Station to Brenham Station. He is one of the leading spirits of the conference and a strong man. He is a fine worker for the Advocate.

Rev. J. L. Massey now has Cameron Station in hand. He is a successful preacher and he has one of the most desirable appointments in the list. This brings together a good man and a good people.

Rev. C. A. Tower will try his hand as presiding elder of the San Augustine District. This will be a new work for him, but he will fit the place admirably.

Rev. R. A. Burroughs goes to the Calvert District. He has been but one year in the conference, having come to it by transfer from Mississippi a year ago. But such is his efficiency that he is at once recognized as a man of worth.

Rev. J. B. Beagle, D. D., goes from Jefferson Station to Franklin Station. He makes a long move, but will find a good place and his people will find an excellent preacher.

Rev. W. F. Davis goes from the Palestine District to Navasota Station. He made a good record as a presiding elder and he will prove a success in the pastorate. He was a fine success as pastor before his experience as "elder."

Rev. J. B. Sears comes to the Palestine District. He has been presiding elder more than once before and a successful one, too. He does well wherever placed.

Rev. H. C. Willis comes from the Tabernacle Church to Palestine Station. He is a progressive young man, an earnest preacher and a careful pastor.

Rev. E. L. Crawford, who filled out the unexpired term of Rev. Seth Ward at Central Church, Galveston, comes to

Crockett. He is young, strong and vigorous.

Rev. B. H. Greathouse comes from Palestine to Jacksonville Station. He is recognized as one of the best preachers in the conference and he will make full proof of his ministry in his new field.

Rev. J. L. Dawson remains Chaplain of the Rusk branch of the State Penitentiary. He has fitness for that sort of delicate work and will be a blessing to those unfortunate people.

Rev. W. F. Packard, D. D., who recently transferred from the Missouri Conference, is stationed at Marvin Church, Tyler. He is said to be a strong and useful preacher, and he has a fine work.

Rev. C. B. Garrett goes to the Athens Station. He is an energetic and devoted man and he will put the whole of his strength into his work.

Rev. J. W. Rowlett, who went from the North Texas Conference down there, goes to Jefferson Station. He is a cultured man and a faithful preacher. Jefferson is a well settled community and they will find an excellent man in Brother Rowlett.

Rev. J. W. Downs, who has been at Pittsburg Station, goes on the district as presiding elder. He is a young man and this is his first work in the "eldership," but he will prove a success.

Rev. C. B. Gross comes from Center to Atlanta. He is a vigorous man and capable of large work. Those people will soon find that he is not lacking in ability and energy.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss makes a leap from Houston to Texarkana and becomes pastor of State Line congregation. He is a man of wonderfully substantial parts and he will make a success of that important field.

Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, after serving a quadrennium at Texarkana, goes to Pittsburg. He will find a good congregation to receive him and the people will find in him an earnest and devoted preacher and pastor.

Rev. H. M. Sears, after long and faithful service, had to ask his brethren to grant him a superannuated relation. For a long time he has been a conspicuous figure in the old Texas Conference, but indisposition, rather than age, forced him to ask for this relation. He is a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and we wish for him an occasion for rest at this his eventide.

The above notes will indicate a few of the many changes made by the Bishop in the conference. It will be seen that he mixed the men of the two sections very thoroughly and in looking over the appointments it is now hard to tell to which wing they formerly belonged. In fact they are already one in heart as well as territory and they have before them a prospect full of hope and inspiration.

The editor and the publisher were hospitably entertained in the good home of Captain and Mrs. W. B. Wall during the session of the Texas Conference. Also Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Whaling. No delegates were better provided for, and the enjoyment around the family altar was very great indeed. Sister Wall was a Miss Cooper, and it was after her father that the town of Cooper was named. They know how to dispense hospitality, and they keep an open home to friends.

Holland, Texas, Dec. 7.—I will roll you up a large list this year, if possible. The Advocate is the preacher's best friend. C. S. CAMERON.

A TRIO OF WORTHIES.

There were three old men who went on the superannuated list at the session of the Texas Conference who are worthy of more than a passing notice. The first one is Rev. John Adams, D. D., who came into the conference in the fall of 1857. He was then a young man, and placed his life upon the altar of the active ministry and there it has remained as a sacrifice throughout all these years of toilsome activity.

Rev. Caleb Smith is the next one. He is an older man, perhaps, than Brother Adams in point of years, but younger in point of service. He was fifty-odd years old when he went into the active work, but such was the vigor of his physical manhood that he has wrought long and well. His hair looks like the driven snow, but his face retains the freshness of youth.

The next is Rev. D. P. Cullen. He was born in West Tennessee, July 6, 1822. He was licensed to preach in Jackson Parish, La., October, 1852. He was admitted on trial in the Louisiana Conference in the fall of 1855, served in the Confederate army, and came to Texas in 1864, where he has lived and labored ever since.

OUR COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

From the printed appointments of the Texas Conference it will be seen that Rev. James Kilgore is appointed to the position of Educational Commissioner, and he is thus entrusted with the great work of raising the proposed endowment fund for Southwestern University. That an excellent choice has been made in his selection for this duty there can be no doubt.

responsibilities. He has not accepted the place with small ideas or for small purposes, but he has taken it in order to do something worthy of our Methodism and worthy of our great school. Now let Texas Methodism co-operate with him in his plans and aims and a work will be accomplished that will put our central educational institution beyond the possibility of want.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE HEADS THE LIST.

The great speech of Dr. A. F. Watkins at the West Texas Conference brought forth such an abundant harvest for the endowment fund of the old preachers that we feared no other conference in the State would reach that high note. But the Northwest Texas, which came next, went an octave higher, and we really thought that no one would go that high.

OUR EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

All four of our conferences and also the German Mission Conference have entered heartily into the purpose to build and own an episcopal residence in Dallas, and they have appointed a Board of Trustees to look after and hold the enterprise for the Church. This board will be called together at an early day and measures will be adopted to carry the enterprise to a successful issue.

A SUNDAY IN HOUSTON.

I left Crockett, the seat of the Texas Conference, on Saturday evening for Houston to spend the Sunday with my old Shearn Memorial Church congregation, and while in the city was the guest of Bro. and Sister W. B. Chew, in whose good home I have often been entertained. Houston is one of the leading cities in the State in population, wealth, social prestige and public spirit.

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stands. But it was moved from there to old Washington, and then from there to Austin, where it has a perma- nent place of abode. The volume of business done annually in Houston is simply immense, and it is on the in- crease. It is an emporium for the lum- ber, the cotton and the cotton seed oil industries. It has the advantage of great railway systems and the Buffalo Bayou gives the place an outlet to the sea. These advantages will necessarily make Houston a great city some of these days. There has been much im- provement within the past six years. Streets have been paved with brick and asphalt and many large business places have been built up. Handsome residences are everywhere, and the city has a wonderful future. And our Churches are beginning to keep pace with the progress of enterprise. It will not be long until the old Shearn property will give way to larger im- provements in the way of better fac- ilities. McKee Street Church has al- ready been enlarged and put in good shape. Washington Street has a very good plant, and it is only a question of time when the Tabernacle congrega- tion will move further out to a more eligible site.

On Sunday morning I stood in the presence of a congregation whose numbers were limited only by the seat- ing capacity of the spacious auditor- ium. There were scores and scores of familiar faces before me, for I spent four happy and laborious years as their pastor; but there were scores whose faces I did not recognize. Six years make a wonderful difference in the make-up of a congregation. The young people have grown up out of my knowledge, and many strangers have moved in and become members of that congregation. They now have nearly one thousand members. What a pleas- ure it was to preach to them again! And we had a glorious service. At the close it took a long time to shake hands with the multitude and have a few words with them. In the after- noon it rained—it nearly always does this in Houston. But at the night hour it had cleared away, and despite the mud we had another very good con- gregation and a pleasant service. Rev. Sam Hay is deservedly popular with them, and he is doing a fine work. The Sunday-school is one of the largest in the State, and it is installed in hand- some quarters. I was delighted to see my old friend, Bro. S. M. McAshan, in the congregation. He has been an official member of that Church from the time that the memory of man runn- eth not back to the contrary, and he still teaches the Bible class and is Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. He has one particular place where he always sits, and the sun is not much more prompt in keeping his engage- ment than Bro. McAshan. He is al- ways in his place, and if there shall come a time when his seat is vacant it will be a sad day to the whole con- gregation. And he has been a constant reader of the Texas Christian Advoca- te from the time it was first pub- lished as the Wesleyan Banner. He reads it and enjoys it still. The preach- ers all have a great friend in him. But I must close.

G. C. R.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

The Evening News, published at Sulphur Springs, has the following per- sonal item, which we reproduce with pleasure:

Presiding Elder E. H. Casey leaves Sulphur Springs with the undivided love of his Church people and the sincere respect and esteem of the people of the Sulphur Springs District. He is a man of decided talent, is full of per- sonal magnetism and his social qual- ities of the highest order. We all part with him with reluctance.

Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, of Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth, is having se- veral affliction in his family. Just be-

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fore leaving Amarillo for his new charge his son had his hand very badly lacerated by the explosion of a dynamite cap, and on Tuesday of this week his little eighteen months old baby was taken from them. Let the brethren remember this afflicted household in their prayers.

All the Dallas preachers opened up well last Sunday and the work is most promising.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Governor-elect of Massachusetts is a Methodist. Formerly they have usually been Unitarians.

Last year two Bible societies sold in China 3,106,295 copies of Scriptures in whole and fragmentary parts.

Trinity Church, Savannah, is the first Church in South Georgia to employ a deaconess. Miss Rice has arrived and begun work.

The Canadian General Conference, at the recent session in Winnipeg, made the pastoral limit four years without any restriction.

Rev. Walker Lewis, of the North Georgia Conference, has been transferred to the Little Rock Conference and stationed at First Church, Little Rock.

Northwestern University at Evan- ville, Ill., perhaps the largest institution of the M. E. Church, enrolls this year 4900 students, an increase of 800 over last year.

Rev. G. W. Briggs, D. D., formerly editor of the Texas Christian Advoca- te, but recently pastor of the Church in Paducah, Ky., has been transferred to the Baltimore Conference.

The work on the college building at Socooh is progressing favorably. The contractor has undertaken to have it finished by the first of April. Plans are being laid for the improvement of the mission property in Shanghai.

The income last year of the North- western University at Evanston, Ill., was \$878,278.69, the institution being worth nearly \$7,000,000. Syracuse Un- iversity, in New York, had an income of more than \$500,000—one thousand dollars a day.

Rumor has it that Catholic clergy- men are advocating the building in New York of the largest and most magnificent house of worship in the world, to cost \$20,000,000. Prominent priests believe that within the next few years the Pope will move the holy See from Rome to New York.

Next year 30,000,000 Methodists throughout the world will be keeping the two hundredth birthday of John Wesley. It is a striking fact to reflect upon that the clergyman's son, born at Epworth in 1703, founded a brother- hood which is to-day as big in num- bers as the whole of England and Wales.

The Magnetic Healers at Nevada, Mo., brought suit against Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., for damage because he wrote up the magnetic healers of his city in some of the Church papers, and a verdict of \$700 was brought in against him. But recently the Supreme Court of Missouri reversed the case and fully justified Dr. Bishop in all that he wrote about this fad.

The North Georgia Conference, con- sisting of 763 Churches with 100,000 members, was held Nov. 19-24. It is said to be the largest conference in Southern Methodism. Its property is valued at \$1,267,665. Its annual con- tribution to foreign and domestic mis- sions amounts to from \$125,000 to \$150,000. Possibly Georgia has given more men and money for missions than any State in the Union.

The great missionary collection of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cleveland, Ohio, has received addition- al subscriptions sent in until it amounts to \$500,000—half a million dollars. This is a great offering of a great Church in the interest of a great cause. The convention at Cleveland voted unanimously to increase the regular missionary assessment to an average of one dollar per member or three millions a year.

Preachers Wanted.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Gatesville.

E. Hightower, Dec. 5: The pastor of Gatesville Station and his family have been confined and laid up at home. We found the Church spending \$50 for repairs on parsonage property when we got here. God is with us, and we feel in our hearts the earnest of a profitable year.

Wesley, Greenville.

C. W. Ely, Dec. 11: The Bishop sent us for pastor at Wesley Rev. J. L. Pierce. He filled his first appointment, with an almost crowded audience, with his soul flaming with divine fire. He selected for a text John 1:11 "The law and the grace both out of one man." The Holy Ghost was present during the whole service. As soon as I entered the church I was impressed with something of a heavenly nature, which seemed to sway the people during the entire service.

Brandon.

H. E. Grimes, Dec. 8: I have just re- turned from Pendola Circuit, which I have been appointed to as supply by our presiding elder, Bro. B. R. Bolton, of the Ward District, and notwithstanding the work and rain and the people being unable to do hardly anything, yet they receive their preacher cheerfully, and so far the outlook is promising for good work this year on Pendola charge. We will try to move to Zee Vee this week, where we can be with our people all of the time.

Ector.

G. F. Boyd, Dec. 5: We spent yesterday with the people at Ravenna, as we could not reach our new charge, Sanger and Valley View, and Bro. W. J. Bludworth could not reach his appointment here. It was a delightful day. My successor or- ganized this Church eleven years ago. He will find a hearty welcome all over this charge. He was then a single man. He now comes with a helmet and some bright children to aid him. We leave this work for our new field after two years of pleasant labor among an excellent people. We have heard many excellent things of the charge to which we are appointed.

McGregor.

Sam'l J. Rucker, Dec. 5: We are com- fortable located in the parsonage at Mc- Gregor, and are ready for the year's work. The people have given us a royal wel- come, and have liberally pouuded us. The parsonage has been rendered more com- fortable by various improvements, and the salary has been advanced, with ar- rangements made for the monthly pay- ment. Bro. S. W. Turner, our brand-new elder, made McGregor the starting point for his work on the district, and he proved himself to be no novice in presiding elder- hood. His four sermons Saturday and Sunday were excellent, his presidency was with grace and ease, and his whole asso- ciation with the people very helpful and satisfactory. We prophesy success to the district. Together, the year starts off well with us, and we are happy and ready to work.

Winsboro.

R. H. Fields, Dec. 9: For the last month the weather has been so bad that we failed to see many of our friends on the Lone Oak Circuit to bid them good-by- to all of them we make our parting bow. The past four years have been among the most pleasant years of our lives, and the salary has been advanced, with ar- rangements made for the monthly pay- ment. Bro. S. W. Turner, our brand-new elder, made McGregor the starting point for his work on the district, and he proved himself to be no novice in presiding elder- hood. His four sermons Saturday and Sunday were excellent, his presidency was with grace and ease, and his whole asso- ciation with the people very helpful and satisfactory. We prophesy success to the district. Together, the year starts off well with us, and we are happy and ready to work.

Jonesboro.

W. F. Edwards, Dec. 8: After nearly two weeks' delay at my father's and on the road I finally reached my destina- tion. I went to conference this time thinking that the chances were good for me to go west, as I had previously men- tioned something of this kind to my pre- siding elder, thinking it would be best for my health, but my beloved presiding elder and the Bishop did not see fit to send me west, and so, when the Bishop read out the appointments I was still in the Gatesville District, and located at Jonesboro. So I said in my heart that I would try and do the best year's work of my life. We have received many tokens of kindness, showing their appreciation of us in their midst, and on Wednesday eve- ning after we arrived the good people of Jonesboro gave us a nice pouuding. It was somewhat different from the pound- ings I used to get when a boy, and trust that I may be able to pay them back in the pure gospel. My health is greatly im-

proved over what it was last year. I trust (D. V.) that I will continue to im- prove along the lines of health. I preach- ed three times yesterday, and felt that the Lord was with me. I pray that the Jonesboro charge has ever witnessed and may God's blessings be upon the Advoca- te.

See page 7 for additional Notes From The Field.

DR. WHISNER EXPLAINS.

In the Texas Christian Advocate of November 29, in your editorial notice of my statements at the session of the Northwest Texas Conference, you say that "He was asked several questions about the insurance company organ- ized in the Northern Methodist Church, which company is recommended by our Extension Board." I assume that you intended to write "which company is recommended by our Insurance Board." The fact is that our Church Extension Board has taken no action at any time, either commanding or condemning any insurance company, nor does it assume any obligation of any kind in regard to any insurance company.

The Board of Church Extension re- quires us to keep in the office a policy of insurance on some reputable insurance company in favor of the Churches that have secured loans from the Board until said loans have been returned. They also require a certificate to the fact that Churches to which donations are given are in- sured, which is all the responsibility on the subject of insurance that has up to this time been assumed by the Board of Church Extension of the M. E. Church, South.

P. H. WHISNER, Cor. Sec.
Louisville, Ky.

To the Stewards of the Gatesville District.

Dear Brethren—I have so arranged the first round of quarterly meetings as to give Saturday and Sunday at each place. Thus it will be over three months before I can reach some charges. Nearly all the preachers in the district have had to incur the expense of meeting. Hence, they have come to you without money. They and their families must be fed and clothed, and they should not be permitted to go in debt for necessities. Again, in many places, after the first few months of the year, it will be difficult to command money. Therefore, do not wait for your Quarterly Conference to pay your pas- tor. Please begin at once, and keep at it till you have seen all your members, and pay over to your preachers as you collect. If in the first quarter you provide for six months, it will be all the better for you and them. Times may be hard, but they are fully as hard on the preachers as on other people. They can only look to you for timely and suitable aid. Yours is a sacred and important duty. Believing that you have the good of the Church and of your pastors and their families at heart, I shall confidently expect you to be vigilant and faithful, and expect good re- ports at your Quarterly Conference.

S. W. TURNER, P. E.
Gatesville, Texas.

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Sunday-School Department

Fourth Quarter, Lesson 11, Dec. 21.

SAMUEL THE JUDGE. I Sam. 7:13.

Golden Text: 'Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.'—I Sam. 7:7.

From the International Evangel we take the following:

It is pertinent to ask, why was any announcement of the birth of Christ necessary? Why should his coming have been heralded? As a matter of fact there were six announcements made. First, there was the announcement to Zacharias concerning the birth of John the Baptist—for the announcement of the Redeemer was the announcement of Him who was soon to come after him. Then there were the announcements to Mary, and to Joseph, and to the shepherds, and to the wise men, and finally the revelation to aged Simeon and Anna in the temple. What occasion was there for all this foretelling and proclamation? Simply this, that an extraordinary, a divine event that should make a new date for human history and work the transformation of the world, called for and warranted such heraldry. It tells us that Christ's birth was a unique and supreme happening in the annals of the race. If Jesus had been simply and only a human child, no such announcements would have been necessary. They would not have been fitting. If Jesus were only a man, the circumstances of his coming into the world would have no essential importance. The world would be interested only in what, when he took up his life work, he did. But granting that he was more than a man, the nature and circumstances of his birth become of highest importance. His life is to be read in the light of the supernatural surroundings of his manger-cradle.

The representative character of those to whom Christ's birth was announced is noteworthy. The news was broken first of all to those who stand for the family, the primal institution which God established in the world. Jesus was to come first of all into the home life of the world, and so the announcement was made, before all others, to chosen family circles. Then the announcement was given to the shepherds, representatives of the great commons of humanity—the simple, undistinguished, toiling millions of men. When he began his work, one of the distinguishing features of his ministry was that the poor had the gospel preached unto them (Luke 7:22), and so it was most fitting that the first general announcement of his coming should have been made to the sons of toil and poverty. Then came the revelation to the wise men of the East, representatives of the cultured intellect of the world, the world of scholarship and wisdom. Jesus was to lay a hand of mastery upon the world's highest and deepest thought, was to become beyond all the oldest philosophies, the "wisdom of God." It was very proper, therefore, that his birth should have been made known to representatives of the world's best wisdom. And finally he was revealed to representatives of the religious hopes and longings of mankind—to devout Simeon and Anna, serving in the temple, and waiting for the consolation of Israel. When Simeon took the Divine Babe in his arms and broke forth in his inspired Nunc Dimittis, and when Anna gave thanks and spoke of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Israel, it was the glad cry of the long-deferred spiritual hopes of the race. The Temple, which was the scene of that static recognition of devout souls of their longed-for Redeemer, stood for the universal craving of the human soul for God.

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unity of the universe. All things are bound together by the power of gravitation. Every smallest planet or diminutive asteroid is held in the never-relaxed grip of the power that governs also the mightiest suns. The falling of a pebble produces a thrill in the farthest star. The worlds constitute a vast brotherhood. The coming of Jesus into the world revealed the fact that there is such a spiritual fraternity in the universe. Love binds the hearts of angels and men together as gravitation binds suns and planets. God's children who people the vast realms of all the worlds are concerned in all that relates to the spiritual life of the universe. The breaking through the veil of the unseen, by angelic messengers, when Jesus was coming to our earth, bore witness to this universal sympathetic tie. The celestial chorus that sang the peace-song over the plains of Bethlehem were the bearers to our earth of the glad congratulations of the inhabitants of other worlds. The universe can no more seem lonely to us, for all its vast distances and the seeming isolation of its members, when we remember that it sent its jubilant embassy to our little earth to rejoice with us when the Prince of Peace was born.

Epworth League Department

(Advance Lesson from Epworth Era.) Topic for December 21: "Christmas—Its Message and Motive."—Luke 2:1-20; John 3:14-17.

Reference Word: "Love."—John 15:13; 2 Cor. 5:14; 1 John 4:7.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday—First Promise of a Savior, Gen. 3:15.

Monday—A Brighter Promise, 2 Sam. 7:18-29.

Tuesday—A Still Brighter Promise, Isa. 9:1-7.

Wednesday—Condescension of the Son of God, Phil. 2:5-11.

Thursday—Like as We Are, yet without Sin, Heb. 4:9-16.

Friday—Object of Christ's Humanity, Heb. 2:9-18.

Sunday—Topic: Christmas—Its Message and Motive, Luke 2:1-20; John 3:14-17.

We come again, almost sooner than expected, to the greatest festival of the year. Of course Epworth Leagues will take advantage of the occasion, and by appropriate programmes make the day useful, helpful and enjoyable.

It is interesting to note that the first Christmas programme was largely musical, having at least a solo and a chorus. Not only angels, but shepherds took part, and a lovely woman, and the central figure was a babe.

What the Christmas Message is.

It is the announcement of the birth of a Savior, the world's Redeemer, the God-Man. The angel soloist said: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Note: 1. The time—"this day." Chronology may be at fault as to the exact moment, but the date agreed upon is the chronological center of all time. All lines of previous history converge to the stable at Bethlehem; and from the manger where the infant Redeemer lay all other lines diverge, and shall do so until the end of time. "The year of our Lord" is the focal date. Even infidels are forced to bear unconscious testimony to the historical Christ when they date their letters, deeds, and last wills 1902. Japan has adopted the calendar of Christianity.

2. The place—"in the city of David." Old Testament prophecy pointed out Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah should be born. If he had come into the world at Nazareth or Jerusalem, it would have invalidated prophecy and falsified his claims. If he came to the sacred place of the Hindus, and Mecca of the Mohammedans, to the Christian Bethlehem should indeed be holy ground.

3. Humanity of the Savior—"is born a Savior." The word "born" carries every idea of the essential human nature of Christ. He was an infant, a youth, a man, in body, mind and spirit; just like other infants, youths and men, in all points except sin. This human nature makes him our brother; enabled him to shed his blood for us; endows him with sympathy for us; and gives force to the example that he sets before us.

4. Divinity of Christ—"a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Three titles are here given: (1) The Lord—the Monarch and Ruler of all; (2) Christ—the one anointed by God to be King and Priest; (3) a Savior—the Redeemer from sin.—John 3:15, 17.

Characteristics of the Christmas Message.

1. The message of "good tidings." The word "gospel" means good news. Tidings is news, whether good or bad. The Christmas news brought by the angels was good, and good only. Let us take up their song and sound it

out over the land and sea, that all the world may hear that Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem to be the Savior of the whole sinful race.

2. A message of "great joy." Tidings strike us according to their import. They fill us with grief and terror, or with gladness and joy. When Cushl brought the news to David that Absalom was dead, the king uttered a lament that has never been surpassed as an elegy of personal grief. The news of Christ's coming is joy-bringing. When he enters a sinner's heart, there is no joy like it. The consciousness of his presence in the believer's soul turns night to day. "Prisons would palaces prove, if Jesus would dwell with me there."

3. A message of "peace on earth." But for Jesus the world would be full of strife—strife between God and men, strife among men. Jesus comes to compose all anger, clamor, quarrelling, war. If his principles prevailed universally, every family would be happy, every community harmonious, and all the nations would be in that state where

"The war drums throbbed no longer, and the battle flags were furled in the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

4. A message of "good will toward men." This is brotherly love, patience, forbearance, helpfulness, practical Christianity. More genuine good will is developed at and by Christmas than at any other season of the year. It surpasses Thanksgiving Day as a season of gifts, in which the giver shows his heart.

5. A message to "all people." Other religions are exclusive, especially with relation to women and children. Other systems are partial, confining their benefits to race or blood, as Judaism and Mohammedanism. Favoritism is the rule with earth-born philosophies of salvation. The song of the angels is the first clear, resonant assertion that all human beings stand on the same plane before God, that he is no respecter of persons, that he will have all men to be saved, that he has provided salvation for all, and that heaven has room enough for every child of man. In the sight of God there is no race, color, nation, or sex. All are the children of his son, the first Adam, and all are redeemed by his Son, the second Adam. Christmas has broadened the mind of the world.

6. A message that brings "glory to God." His glory is enhanced by his providing the way of universal salvation, and by our acceptance of the way.

Motive of the Christmas Message.

This is the love of God, the Father of all men. We can neither add to nor take from the fullness and the beauty of the verse which expresses the motive of the first and universal Christmas gift. It stands in unapproachable loveliness and dignity. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Our Own Christmas Message.

On this glad day, like the angels, we should sound out a personal evangelism. We should speak good tidings that carry great joy, we should make peace with those against whom we have held hard feelings; we should show good will to all, rich or poor, friend or foe; we should glorify God in our souls and bodies; we should imitate Christ, who came as our Savior, Lord and King; we should be especially tender and helpful to children, the poor, and the aged; and we should do it all because we love all human beings, even as Jesus came on Christmas Day because he loved us.

Christmas Meditations.

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and "a multitude of the heavenly host" to take up the resounding chorus.

The spirit of Christmas—good tidings, great joy, peace, good will and promoting the glory of God—should be in every day in the year.

If God loves me, I should love him. If God loves me, a sinner, vile and unclean compared with his spotless purity, I should love the vilest and worst of my fellow-creatures.

God proved his love by the gift of his Son. I should prove my love to him and my fellows in every practical way.

The star of Bethlehem heralded the Sun of Righteousness. Our influence may be small, but it may lead to larger things.

Mary pondered in her heart the artless story of the shepherds. Let us hide in our hearts the words of Jesus.

The wise men brought rich gifts to the Infant Savior. We should give him ourselves—all we are, have, and hope to be.

The star that guided the wise men to the manger was extinguished, but the Light of the world shall shine forever. Let us evermore walk in His Light.

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THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The wisest and most commendable thing that has come to my attention in the past several months in all Southern Methodism is the matter of an Episcopal residence in our State. It is altogether a common-sense thing—a new thing under the sun; a unique thing, and withal a laudable enterprise.
The Northwest Texas Conference did the nice thing in leading off in this matter, and it goes without saying that all the other conferences in the State will fall in line, and in due course of time the enterprise will be brought to completion, and it will be an honor to our Texas Methodism to have another resident Bishop, and no less an honor to the Bishop to be a resident of Texas.

While this is a new idea, it is surprising that it has not been not only initiated, but actually a prevailing custom for the last decade. It would, no doubt, be better for each Episcopal District to have permanent notes and boards, as our pastoral charges and presiding elders' districts have. If this were the case, it would result, no doubt, in the erection of Episcopal residences in each district, and, in the main, be more satisfactory both to the Episcopacy, the ministry and the laity. In many instances, it seems that the Episcopal work has been unevenly distributed. It seems unfair that some of our Bishops should have so much more work to do than others. Their salary is the same, their honor is the same, their responsibility is the same, and why should not their work, as nearly as possible, be equal?

It is not surprising that Texas should be the first to lead off in this direction. If our lines were permanently drawn, no doubt that in the next decade, or even the present quadrennium, almost, if not all, the Episcopal Districts would have an Episcopal residence and a resident Bishop.
W. F. HODNETT,
Mt. Solon, Texas.

AUSTIN METHODISM.

Austin Methodism has moved steadily forward during the past two years. During the two years there have been more than five hundred members added to our four Methodist Churches. Of this number 251 have been added to our Tenth Street congregation. Bro. Campbell, in South Austin, is now on his fourth year, and has done a most excellent work. His work among the young people is perhaps not surpassed in either of the other Churches. Bro. Booth is in his second year at our First Street Church. Last year he had the phenomenal growth of 150 to his membership, and next Sunday will preach his first sermon in his new 200 building, now just finished. Bro. Porter, at Twenty-fourth Street, witnessed a good revival in his Church last year, and an accession to his membership of about seventy or eighty. At Tenth Street we had last year 131 accessions, our conference collections and salaries were all paid in full, and a surplus was left in the treasury. Our Church is well organized, every department of the work is in a healthy condition, and the President of the Board of Stewards declares that our Church during the past two years has enjoyed the most uniformly large congregations than for the past six years. The growth of his connection with the Church in Austin, Tenth Street, will show his superb hospitality next year in the entertainment of the West Texas Conference. Our hearts are hopeful and happy.
The new Administration will bring us a number of Methodist families. Our new Governor-elect and his excellent family are Methodists. Hon. G. B. Odquist and his family are Methodists. We will welcome these distinguished citizens into our Church here and into the society of our cordial. With our rejoicing there is a mingled sense of pain. Governor Seivers and his excellent wife have endeavored themselves to our people. They have been staunch supporters and regular attendants at our Tenth Street Church. The Governor and his good wife have conducted their life in the Methodist way, and the best traditions of our Methodist people. There has not been played a game of cards in the mansion during the past four years, neither wine nor beer has been served at any of the receptions held there. The home-life of the Mansion has stood for the observance of the Sabbath, the Governor firmly declining any public receptions to any and all persons whatsoever on the Lord's day. Our prayers will follow Governor and Mrs. Seivers wherever they may go.

W. D. BRADFIELD,
P. S. Bro. J. B. Mood, presiding elder of our Mexican work in this city, will report a new church for our Mexican people. The cost of his enterprise is about \$500. The church of our First Street people was bought, and is now being put upon a most suitable lot. Good for Mood!
Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful.
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A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.
Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any suffer from Kidney and Bladder Diseases will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He has nothing whatever to sell.

Sad News.

Our darling little girl, Adison Chapman, left us this morning at 10 o'clock and went to live with Jesus. We ask our brethren and friends to pray for us.
Snyder, Texas, Dec. 1. C. D. WEST.

Preachers Wanted.

I want several native, unmarried preachers for charges in Weatherford District, Indian Mission Conference. Salaries estimated to range from \$50 to \$75. Have your presiding elder preacher in charge and others write me all about you. Do not ask me to write to them. I want men who can come at once.
C. P. ROBERTS, P. E.,
Saddle Mountain, Okla.

Church Dedicated.

I dedicated a beautiful church Thanksgiving Day at Arp, a little village on the T & G N. Railroad, within Bro. Milam's work. I think it the best church in the State for so small a village, and besides this, they have a new, new Baptist church. Bro. Milam and his people deserve great credit.
D. H. GREATHOUSE.

HOW TO BE A GENTLEMAN.

Let no boy think he can be made a gentleman by the clothes he wears, the horse he rides, the stick he carries, the dog that trots after him, the house that he lives in, or the money that he spends. Not one, or all of these things do it; and yet every boy may be a gentleman. He may wear an old hat, cheap clothes, live in a poor house, and spend but little money. But how? By being true, manly and honorable. By keeping himself neat and respectable. By being civil and courteous. By respecting himself and others. By doing the best he knows how, and finally, and above all, by fearing God and keeping his commandments. —Western Christian Advocate.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 120 Maxson Street, Dallas, Texas.

I must call attention again to the fact that resolutions to the memory of departed members and friends can not be inserted in this department. I do this because such communications continue to be sent to me, with request to publish same in this department, having received two such articles for publication within the last week or two, and having received on an average about one a month for publication within the past year. All such communications will be published under regulations found under the head of "Obituaries" in the Advocate, and should be addressed to Mr. L. Blaylock, publisher of the Advocate. MRS. F. E. HOWELL.

The excellent article which appeared last week in this department from the Corsicana District was written by Mrs. J. W. David, of Corsicana, and not Mrs. Davis, as misprinted. We hope to hear again from this sister reporter of that district.

ANNUAL MEETING W. H. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of West Texas Conference held its annual meeting at Uvalde, October 31-November 2. The attendance was very small owing to the extreme westerly location of Uvalde. The majority of the auxiliaries had to be content with sending in their reports, not being able to afford the expense of sending a delegate.

The President and Second Vice-President, with two District Secretaries formed the Executive Committee, all the other officers being unfortunately absent.

The ladies of the Uvalde auxiliary tendered the body a delightful reception on Friday night at the residence of Mrs. Wingate. The elegant home was beautifully decorated with palms and roses in honor of our coming; dainty refreshments were served and some exquisite music rendered, after which a touching address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Hines in behalf of the ladies, supplemented by Prof. Gates and Mayor Love in behalf of the city. These were ably responded to by our President, Mrs. Sessions, after which good-nights were said and we went to our respective homes, feeling more equal to the task before us on the morrow after having received so hearty a welcome to the hearts and homes of Uvalde.

The business session was opened Saturday morning by the President with an earnest appeal to the women of the Church for more zealous labor and deeper consecration to the Master's service.

The usual enrollment of delegates and official reports occupied the most of the morning.

The devotional prayer-hour was led by Mrs. Gerhardt.

The afternoon session was mostly taken up by auxiliary reports, with a few subjects.

The forgiveness movement and rescue work were brought up, and caused some lively discussions, but definite action was deferred till later.

At night the service consisted of an address on "Fidelity" by Mrs. Gerhardt, the superintendent of that department, and one on "Rescue Work," by Mrs. Volino, the matron of the Rescue Home, in which she appealed to the women of the Home Mission Society to be faithful to the charge placed upon them by lending a willing hand to lift up her fallen sister, whom Christ forgave.

Then Bro. Sessions gave us a very helpful talk on the general needs for prosperous work.

Sunday was a day of disappointments on account of rain, which, although very refreshing and much needed, prevented us from partaking of the spiritual feast we had anticipated.

Bro. Sessions spoke in the morning to the few who lived near enough the church to attend between showers.

At night Rev. Woods, who had been invited to preach the annual sermon on Sunday morning, gave a very helpful sermon on "The Blessedness of Giving," which we regretted very much was mostly lost on vacant pews.

Monday morning was the busy time, as a large part of the important business was yet to be done before adjournment at noon. The most of this work was speedily disposed of in resolutions and reports of different committees.

San Marcos was decided on as the next place of meeting.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Sessions as President and Mrs. Gerhardt as Second Vice-President, all the other officers being changed. Mrs. E. G. Lowe was made First Vice-President,

Mrs. Theophilus Lee Third Vice-President, Mrs. Hines Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Collier Treasurer, Mrs. Malone Recording Secretary.

The meeting closed with the delivery of the President's annual address, which was both educative and soul-inspiring, and filled all present with renewed energy and determination to put greater effort into the work this year than ever before, having been shown how truly white the field is unto the harvest.

The meeting then adjourned, with a general feeling of satisfaction.

Much has been done to broaden and strengthen the cause, considering the small number present to legislate.

May the work projected for the coming year multiply wonderfully in His name.

MRS. E. G. LOWE, Reporter.

515 Crosby St., San Antonio, Tex.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, CLARENDON DISTRICT.

According to promise, I will write a report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary work in the Clarendon District.

We organized a Woman's Society in Clarendon Church September 1, with twelve members, and several have been added since, and several copies of the Woman's Missionary Advocate are taken. I also have the names of thirty-eight children who will join the Juvenile Society. We will organize in a few days.

I think the way is opening here for a good foreign work. Our motto is, "Keep at it." I am sure the Lord will bless our effort.

I can not report anything done in any other part of the district. I have written letters and sent blanks and literature to every preacher where I thought there was a probability of organizing, but I must say I have not been overrun with replies to my letters, to say the least of it. While it has been somewhat discouraging to me, I feel, as the Church gets older and better established in this country, we will do more. I am sending out all the literature and information I can.

I hope every woman in the district will read Sister Park's letter in the Advocate of October 13, and I do pray that every one who reads it will resolve in her heart to do something to raise the amount needed to pay those who have wrought in His name and have not been paid. When these women leave home and take up the work assigned them, they have faith to believe that women at home will support them. God forbid that we should fall short of our duty.

My I ask that all who read this will pray that our work in the Panhandle may prosper this year as never before?

MRS. J. T. COULTER, Cor. Sec. Clarendon District.

The Christmas Dinner.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that, but let us hope, for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

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A TEXAS WONDER.

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The prayers that, like Jacob's ladder, rise from hard pillows, may reach a blessed peace.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The December number of Scribner's Magazine is a well-filled and beautifully illustrated issue. It is a Christmas edition, and special attention is given to this feature of the publication. It has one article on this subject of special interest—"Christmas at Cafe Spaander," by Edward Penfield. There is also an interesting communication descriptive of Spanish bull-fighting, by Richard Harding Davis, and it is appropriately illustrated. The author does not write approvingly of the barbarous practice, but merely gives the reader a graphic account of its methods and rules. It is a very readable production. "Letters of R. D. Blackmore," the author of "Lorna Doone," edited by Lucy D. Fuller, is an interesting account of a fine literary man. The number also contains some stories of real merit, and also a number of beautiful poems.

The Christmas number of Frank Leslie's Popular Magazine is a beauty in its general get-up, and full in its contents. Its literary matter is charming and its illustrations artistic. We can not do better than to give a partial list of its contents: Julia Marlow as Mary Tudor in "When Knighthood Was in Flower" (frontispiece); portrait in colors drawn from life by John Ceil Gray. "The Great White Deep" (a story). Egerton Castle, with five full-page drawings by Wladyslaw Benda, reproduced in tint. "The Dress Rehearsal," F. Elderkin Fyles; illustrated by photographs from Byron Collection. "McGinnis, Scientist" (a story). Emerson Hough; with drawings by Gordon H. Grant. "Cindy's Funeral" (a story). Harry Stillwell Edwards; with drawings by Florence Sevel Shinn. "The Witch" (a story). Thomas W. Steep; with drawings by W. Glacken. "The Amethyst Box" (IV-VI). Anna Katherine Green; with drawings by John Wolcott Adams. "Memories of Moulton. Blind Andy." M. A. Ballard; with drawings by R. Emmett Owen. Christmas Melodies: "The Merry Christmas Dance," Frank L. Stanton; "Deacon's Christmas Dinner," Emmett Campbell Hall; with decorations by J. B. Graff and B. Cory Kilvert. "A Wife for Jack Dempsey" (a story). Seumas MacManus; with five full-page drawings by Reginald Birch. "The Red Riding-Hoods" (a story). Eden Phillpotts; with drawings by H. M. Eaton. "Julia Marlowe," Delancey M. Halbert. "Glengarry School Days: The Visit," Ralph Connor; with drawings by R. Emmett Owen.

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W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

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thought, "All Sorts of Papers," by Thos. Bailey Aldrich. Is just such an article as we would expect to find from a man well acquainted with the writings of his age. "What My Christmas" is the story of an old-time darky, and its recollections are refreshing. "The parting of the old negro's tender," "Lockhart's Life of Scott," by H. D. Sedgwick, is a careful analysis of one of the most interesting books of the century, and the article is a real contribution to literature. "Why the Chinese Decline Christianity," by Enoch H. Nichols, is a discriminating article on a very interesting subject to the Church. "Edward Engleston," by Meredith Nicholson, is a delightful account of one of the most popular authors of late years. These are only a few of the many delightful communications in this number.

The American Review of Reviews for December comes to us with its feast of good things. The special features of this number are character sketches of Governor of New York, Dr. Andrew D. White, who has just retired from the German Ambassadorship, and the late Elizabeth Cady Stanton; illustrated articles on "The Mission of Dr. Lorenz to American Children," by Dr. W. P. Gibney; "The Great Ship 'Combine,'" by Winthrop L. Marvin; "The Giant Growth of the 'Sea,'" by Cy Warman; "The Consolidation of Country Schools," by Superintendent Frank Nelson and William H. Shaw, and "An Alabama Negro School," by Oswald Garrison Villard, and a concluding paper on "New Japan: the 'Headmaster' Asks," by John Barrett. The department devoted to new books has special articles on the history, biography, economics, religious literature and fiction of the season, with a survey of "The Season's Books for the Young," by Ernest Krauff; "The Progress of the World" gives an excellent resume of the November elections, with a full discussion of the proposition for the admission of new States now before Congress, of the question of changing the method of electing Senators, and of many other timely topics.

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11. What local preachers? John A. C. Codd, Andrew J. Zorn, Samuel S. McKenney—2.
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16. Who are located? Edgar S. M. Thompson—1. Who are superiors? Wethelk C. M. Pavey—1. E. Lanker, J. A. W. B. Who are superiors? Smith, Wm. Springs, Jr. A. McShan, T. W. Dial W. G. Nelson, Gideon McKee, C. S. Sargent, W. Adams, R. W. T. Sumner, S. W. Jones, J. E. Hill, D. P. Callen M. Sears, John Adams—1.
17. What preachers in the past year? Mark C. Hardy, Wesley Smith Goodwin—1.
18. Are all the preachers their life and out adm. names were called out. Characters passed on.
19. For answers to questions, see statistical table. What are the institutions? 2. Numbers of institutions, 3. Where shall the next conference be held? Dr. S. Whetstone, the next year? (See appointment.)

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11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? John A. Carr, John M. Arnold, Andrew J. Zorno, Robert B. Jones, Samuel S. McKenney...
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14. What local preachers are elected elders? Edwin P. Angell, Samuel W. Lowe...
15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Edwin P. Angell, Samuel W. Lowe...
16. Who are located this year? W. W. Edgar, S. M. Thompson...
17. Who are superannuated? J. W. Warkick, C. M. Davenport, Albert Little, J. B. Lucker, A. A. Wagner...
18. Who are superannuated? John A. Smith, Wm. Sprule, John Heidnissil, P. A. McShan, T. W. Bink, W. F. Turner, W. G. Nelson, George G. Knudsen, J. C. Mickie, G. S. Sandel, G. C. Stovall, R. W. Adams, R. W. Thompson, W. A. Samsay, S. W. Jones, C. L. Farrington, J. T. Hall, D. P. Cullen, C. H. Smith, H. M. Sears, John Adams...
19. What preachers have died during the past year? Marion Donegan, George C. Hardy, Wesley Smith, Alexander E. Goodwyn...
20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and moral administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed.
21. For answers to questions 21 to 24, inclusive, see statistical table.
22. What are the educational statistics? Institutions, 7; teachers, 26; pupils, 642; value of institutions, \$28,000.
23. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Bryan.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

- HOUSTON DISTRICT. G. A. LeClerc, P. E. Houston, Shearn-S. R. Hay, Washington Street-S. W. Thomas, McKee Street-G. H. Collins, Tabor-Ediz Smith, J. R. Warkick, superannuated. McAshan and Brunner-S. S. McKenney, Galveston, Central Church-A. J. Weeks, West End-R. George, Richmond Station-Nathan Powell, Columbia and Brazoria Circuit-J. W. Kelley, Watson and Hungerford-R. L. Bridges, Cedar Bayou Circuit-W. H. Brooks, Rosenberg, J. L. Murray, supply. League City-L. F. Dyer, supply. Alvin Station-G. W. Davis, Angleton-E. L. Ingram, Day City-C. N. Morton, Sandy Point-To be supplied, South Bolivar-J. M. Grull, White Oaks-L. I. Huxsey, supply. Assistant Missionary Secretary-Edith Ward.

- BEAUMONT DISTRICT. J. B. Cochran, P. E. Beaumont, First Church-V. A. Gollbey, C. M. Davenport, superannuated. North end-Jno. E. Green, Carwright Chapel-A. G. Scragg, Port Arthur-F. M. Boyles, Orange Station-J. W. Johnson, Liberty Circuit-J. I. Weatherly, Wallisville Mission-S. D. Harger, supply. Livingston Circuit-E. P. Key, supply. Liberty Mission-J. C. Reppel, supply. Woodville and Colmesund-R. O. Bailey, Kountze Circuit-J. E. Short, Sibley Mission-H. R. Taylor, supply. Jasper and Kirbyville-To be supplied. Jasper Mission, L. Christian, supply. Barkoblo-J. T. Kirkpatrick, Call Circuit-M. W. James, Sabine Pass and Port Neches-B. C. Anderson. Chisna and Sour Lake-To be supplied. Student at Southwestern University-J. G. Pollard.

- BRENHAM DISTRICT. C. F. Smith, P. E. Brenham Station-L. M. Fowler, Belleville Mission-J. H. Buehler, Caldwell Station-H. B. Kimbler, Lyons Circuit-H. G. Williams, Lexington Circuit-J. C. Stewart, Cameron Station-J. L. Mossey, Cameron Circuit-S. H. Burke, Mayfield Circuit-J. D. Burke, Pleasant Hill Circuit-T. R. Cain, Pubhar and Brookshire-M. L. Lindsey, Chapel Hill Station-H. W. Allen, Giddings-H. J. Smith, Soaly-A. C. Bigger, supply. Milano Circuit-J. W. Thompson, Rockdale Station-I. M. Beye, Caldwell Mission-M. L. Dickey, Dualla Circuit-C. E. Simpson, Commissioner of Education Southwestern University-Jas. Kilgore, President of Chappell Hill Female College-W. K. Strother.

- SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT. C. A. Tower, P. E. San Augustine and Chisna-P. O. Favre, Baytown Mission-J. B. Ritchie, supply. Salyon-B. R. Goodwin, supply. Shelbyville Circuit-J. W. Goodwin, Center Station-J. M. Adams, Center Circuit-J. M. Ferry, Tenaha Circuit-C. T. Cummings, Charthouse Station-S. F. Chambers, Timpon Station-J. T. McClure, Minden Circuit-C. B. Smith, Garrison Circuit-W. W. Nunn, Naomodochee Station-W. W. Watts, Melrose Circuit-D. S. Burke, Luffkin Station-A. S. Whitcomb, Burke Circuit-J. J. Rap, Luffkin Mission-Ross Williams, Appleby Mission-M. L. Buehler, Clayton Circuit-J. F. Warnon.

- CALVERT DISTRICT. R. A. Burroughs, P. E. Calvert Station-C. J. Oakley, Heaton and Wheelock-T. S. Whitford, Lost Circuit-H. B. Upright, Durango Circuit-W. E. Washburn, Franklin Circuit-H. H. Davis, Pettway Circuit-G. H. Phair, Fremont and Kossow-W. L. Pate, Freestone Mission-R. A. Waltrip, Conterville Circuit-W. D. Gaskins, Leon Mission-M. L. Story, supply. Rogan Circuit-J. W. Treadwell, Marlin Station-D. H. Hotchkiss, Roseland Station-J. W. Beggin, Travis Circuit-D. W. Gardner, Franklin Station-J. A. Hoagle, Jewett Circuit-J. W. Holt, Fairfield Circuit-J. L. Russell, Marquez Mission-J. H. Garrett, supply. Student at Vanderbilt University-W. J. Mohrha.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

- C. A. Hooper, P. E. Huntsville Station-H. M. Whaling, Prairie Plains Circuit-H. T. Hart, Madisonville Station-C. J. McLarty, Zion Circuit-H. P. Huddleston, supply. Bryan Station-E. L. Shuttles, Millican and Courtney-J. P. Skinner, Navasota Station-W. F. Davis, Anderson Circuit-W. W. Horner, Hempstead-A. S. J. Haygood, Waller Circuit-C. H. Adams, Montgomery and Plantersville-J. C. Cameron, Willis and Centon-W. T. McDonald, Dodge Circuit-J. C. Huddleston, Cold Springs Circuit-E. S. Hursey, Chaplain in State Penitentiary at Huntsville-S. H. Morgan, Chaplain in United States Army-E. P. Newcom, Waverly Mission-To be supplied, Midway Mission-To be supplied.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.

- C. R. Lamar, P. E. Marshall, First Church-J. E. K. Gas, North Side and Harleton-Sp. Garrison. Harrison Circuit-W. W. Gollighugh, Arleston Circuit-W. W. Graham, Jefferson Station-J. W. Rowlett, Kellyville Circuit-J. W. Cullen, Longview and Kelly Memorial-I. Alexander, Coffeeville Mission-O. A. Shook, Hollyville Circuit-G. W. Riley, Beckville Circuit-J. C. Carr, Klagers Circuit-M. F. Daniel, Henderson Station-G. E. Cameron, Church Hill Circuit-A. J. Anderson, Henderson Circuit-To be supplied.

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Transferred-J. D. Dorney and R. L. Glagzer, to West Texas Conference; J. R. Murray, to Montana Conference; J. T. Ferris, to West Texas Conference and appointed to Melade Circuit.

REPORTS OF JOINT BOARDS OF FINANCE.

TEXAS CONFERENCE WING.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference: The following amounts have come into our hands for the benefit of the conference claimants: Balance in hands of Treasurer from last conference \$ 10 15 Received from O. T. Hotchkiss, Conference Treasurer 2,600 20 Received from Preachers Aid Board 86 85 Received from interest on G. B. Moore bequest 78 55 Total \$3,275 55 We have disbursed these amounts as follows: Paid conference claimants this session of conference \$2,827 55 Distributed as follows: Mrs. H. A. Windsor \$ 125 00 Mrs. S. G. Woodbridge 85 00 Mrs. H. M. Haynie 125 00 Mrs. Thos. Whitworth 25 00 Mrs. S. J. Fisher 75 00 Mrs. Sue C. Kerr 100 00 Mrs. Julia A. Dashiell 85 00 Mrs. R. Alexander 150 00 Mrs. D. A. Graves 60 00 Mrs. J. H. Davidson 100 00 Mrs. L. T. Hinkle 175 00 Mrs. Alice Stovall 75 00 Mrs. F. Fatina Lemmons 125 55 Mrs. H. B. Allen 75 00 Mrs. S. H. Gisher 125 00 Mrs. Rebecca Keith 80 00 Mrs. I. G. John 100 00 Miss Mayne Green 120 00 Miss Lillie Philpott 50 00 Mrs. Beale Philpott 80 00 Miss Annie Whipple 50 00

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE WING.

Joint Board of Finance met at Crockett, December 5, 1902. C. H. Smith, Chairman, presiding. Opened with prayer, led by the Chairman. Members present: C. H. Smith, D. F. C. Timmons, J. C. Carr, J. I. Dawson, A. Little, H. L. Griffin, T. S. Garrison, Secretaries. Your board has received from the six districts as follows:

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Table with columns for Item, Paid, and Balance on hand. Totals: \$2,924 86 and \$3,902 50.

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FOSTER.—Talmage Earl, little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Foster, was born near McGehee, Texas, June 25, 1891, and fell asleep February 25, 1892. Oh, how we miss little Talmage! But our hearts are heaven's gain. Talmage was such a sweet little baby. He was sick nearly three months before his death. Oh, how mamma loved her little boy! But she grieves not as those who have no hope. We can meet little brother in that "sweet by and by." In part by Mrs. E. L. SISTER LULA, Carthage, Texas.

MEDFORD.—Netta, daughter of B. W. and Della Medford, was born May 5, 1891, and died November 11, 1892. Only a few months and six years, little one, given to cheer thy home, when God in his wisdom saw fit to take the sweet little flower and transplant it in heaven, where there is no pain, no sorrow, nor death. Keep up, dear Nettie, and look for me in our sweet home. Let us know that you may so live that you will meet her in heaven. Think God for a home where we can meet our loved ones and live in part no more. Her aunt, MARY MEDFORD, Lytle, Texas.

BROWN.—Vida May, daughter of T. M. and A. L. Brown, was born April 21, 1892, and died October 18. All was done that could be to keep our darling little baby, but God knew best and took her home to heaven. She was the last to come and the first one gone from a family of nine sweet little children. Oh, how sad to give her up! She was a twin to Cydia Major. How we shall miss her little body! But the Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless us all till we meet again. Her aunt, HIR PATHER AND MOTHER.

HOLMES.—Mrs. Nancy C. Holmes was born in Tennessee, May 27, 1835, and died in Sterling County, Texas, October 25, 1892. He was converted when 18 years of age and joined the M. E. Church. He was married soon after to Miss Dugy Linzey. Mrs. Holmes was one of the best of women. Like Hannah, she and took her home to heaven. She was the last to come and the first one gone from a family of nine sweet little children. Oh, how sad to give her up! She was a twin to Cydia Major. How we shall miss her little body! But the Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless us all till we meet again. Her father and mother, HIR PATHER AND MOTHER.

HAYNIE.—Mrs. Martha A. Haynie was born in Middle Tennessee, February 24, 1822. In early life she made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Church. She was twice married. Her first husband, Leonard Scott, they moved to Texas in 1846, and in a few years he died. She afterwards married S. A. J. Haynie, and they came to Texas in 1858. She was the mother of six children, all of whom died in childhood. She had lived in Burnett for almost fifty years. She died at the home of her son, Mr. Mattie Haynie, September 25, 1892. The call came without warning. Her sickness lasted only a few hours, but it found her watching. Having reached her 70th year, she felt that her work on earth was finished, and she was ready to go to the summons home. Dear Aunt Mat was loved by all who knew her. Her life, so gentle and cheerful, was a blessing to many. Having no children of her own, she gave around her a large circle of friends, who cherish her memory. Her name, MISS MARTHA J. RAWLINGS, Burnett, Texas.

OTT.—Beulah, daughter of Joel and Jennie Ott, was born November 2, 1891, and died October 11, 1892. Beulah was a bright and intelligent girl, loved by everybody. She was a loving and tender-hearted child. And while the hopes of her parents concerning her earthly career are blighted, she has gone home to enter into that fairer one of joy and perfection. That God only can give. While the earthly home is desolate, heaven is made nearer and more attractive because Beulah is there. She has gone and we can not bring her back, but we can go to her, where there will be no more parting of loved ones. Oh, that God would send her spirit to lead the loved ones left behind to that home beyond the skies. Weep not, when we think of those whose hopes are blighted, but prove up, knowing that when you have reached the end of the way Beulah will be there to welcome you home. May God's comforting presence abide with the bereaved parents and relatives. Her uncle, WALTER PRICE, Victor, Texas.

WATKINS.—One of our sweet little Sunday-school pupils, little Katherine Watkins, the only daughter of Mrs. and S. W. Watkins, fell asleep in Jesus at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday, November 12, 1892, aged 2 years, 1 month and 15 days. She was a sweet child, known to all having been associated with the Sunday-school from the time of her infancy. She had her place in the class with her mother, who is our faithful organist. Thus, with every prospect glowing for a useful and happy life, this little bud of fragrant characterfulness was transplanted to bloom and exult in her rich perfume in the garden of God above. Our whole community was stirred with heartache at her bereavement. For life, there were volumes of prayers ascending day and night to her behalf. Her Katherine belonged to God, and he took her home to himself. When, some time before her death, we were speaking of Jesus, she looked up and said, "Me love Jesus, too, Budler Dubber." The voice of the Master said again, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." God bless the broken-hearted parents, and help them to feel that he is able to take care of little Katherine. Her pastor, W. A. GOVETT, Llano, Texas.

KINZELHOE.—Reuben S. Kinzehoel was born in Wood County, Va., October 29, 1828, and died in Mexico, Texas, October 2, 1892. Bro. Kinzehoel's home was in Bruceville, whither his body was brought for burial. He was converted in his 15th year and joined the Methodist Church, and was a faithful member to the day of his death. From his childhood he had been afflicted, thus his life was one of patient endurance. He loved his "Church tenderly, and was always present when his health allowed. He was a good man, and has no doubt gone to his reward, where he awaits the coming of his loved ones in the sweet by and by. He was a brother of Rev. W. W. Kinzehoel, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and of Mr. John Kinzehoel, of Mexico, Texas, at whose home he died. Tenderly and lovingly, kind friends laid his body by the side of his father and mother's. May God's loving care be about the loved ones who abide here for awhile. A. E. CARRAWAY, Pastor, Mart, Texas.

LASSETER.—Gay Chandler, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. Lasseter, was born in McLulloch County, Texas, December 1, 1891, and passed over the river November 21, 1892, aged 11 months and 21 days. We had the sweet form to rest. In the faith to believe that all is well. The sweet soul rests upon the bosom of its God. Baby's smiles no longer gladden the hearts of those who so fondly loved him in the home circle. But the assurance remains that the tender bud, so soon broken from the parent stem, is engrafted upon the "Tree of Life," shedding its fragrance amid ever-blooming flowers. The mystic winter of life's sojourn, without a touch of its corroding care, no frosts of life's winter upon the pure brow. So why weep, my brother, my sister, for a life to be completed in the home of its God? Let us rather rejoice that the crown is won, the victory gained, without a struggle! But it is needless to urge resignation upon the Christian brother and sister. They know from whence strength comes to stricken ones—how to apply the balm for the healing of all wounds, and know with meek, submissive wills, will say "Thy will be done," and with gentle, refreshing tears, trust the precious one to the arms of Him who has said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

MORRIS.—Mrs. N. J. Morris (nee Sims) was born in DeKalb County, Ga., January 23, 1829; converted at 12 years of age and joined the M. E. Church. South of which she remained a faithful, earnest, consecrated, useful member until called to her reward. She was married, at a m. surrounded by friends and relatives, who administered to her wants and witnessed her triumphant death. She was conscious to the last, and rejoiced in a Savior's love, and in the praises, telling us she had never been happier in her life. She was married to I. L. Morris, January 14, 1847. They moved from Georgia to Texas in 1852, from thence to Arkansas in 1858, and to Texas in November, 1890, and settled in Spe Springs, where she lived until she passed triumphantly away to her home in the skies. Grandma, as everybody called her, loved her Church and her pastor. Her home was her preacher's home, and many an itinerant well remembers her Christian hospitality and kindness to them while in her home, and in the last day will rise up and cite her name with pride. She leaves an aged companion, who himself only bids God's own good time to say "It is enough, come up higher." Her influence abides in the grandchild and children that are left to mourn their loss, which is her eternal gain. Grandma certainly demonstrated the statement made by Wesley, that "Our people die well," for it has never been my lot to witness a more peaceful and happy death. May the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren emulate her virtues and follow in her footsteps as she followed Christ, in the sincere and earnest prayer of her pastor, J. M. BAKER.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Stephens-Cook.—Near West Point, Miss. November 19, 1892, at the home of Mr. T. W. Gates, by Rev. M. F. Smith, Mr. Walter R. Stephens, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. L. A. Cook, of Sherman, Texas.

Booth-Hughes.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near the village of Gregg County, Texas, on Wednesday, November 26, 1892, Mr. H. L. Booth and Miss Jimmie Hughes, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

Tammill-Low.—At the Vernon Mission parsonage gate, November 25, 1892, at 1:30 p. m. Mr. J. T. Tammill and Miss Alice Low, Rev. Jno. A. Travis officiating.

Lova-Lockett.—At the Methodist Church in Georgetown, Texas, November 29, 1892, at 5 p. m. Mr. T. D. Lova and Miss Melie H. Lockett, Rev. W. L. Nelms officiating.

Travis-Martin.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at DeLeon, Texas, October 23, 1892, Mr. Holland Y. Price, of Coryell County, and Miss Emma Martin, Rev. J. Haralson officiating.

Simmons-Martin.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at DeLeon, Texas, October 22, 1892, Mr. Wm. Simmons, of Hamilton County, and Miss Emma Martin, Rev. J. Haralson officiating.

Trucker-Rea.—At the home of the bride's parents, in DeLeon, Texas, November 26, 1892, by Rev. J. Haralson, Mr. Lewis Trucker and Miss Jennie Rea.

Warren-Browning.—Near Centerville, Texas, Sunday, November 29, 1892, at 3 p. m. Mr. Robt. H. Warren and Miss Nancy Browning, Dr. T. H. Hall officiating.

Farmer-Stafford.—Near New York, Texas, November 26, 1892, Mr. James K. P. Farmer and Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford, Dr. T. H. Hall officiating.

GREAT SURGICAL WORK.

Professor Lorenz, of Vienna, who came to this country and treated successfully the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Armour for congenital hip distortion, stood in the pit of the amphitheatre at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago and, in the presence of 400 persons, performed on nine afflicted children, free of cost, the same operations he had performed on little Lolita Armour the day before.

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Professor Lorenz signalled for the first case to be brought in. The patient, Nellie Sykes, 6 years old, lay stretched unconscious on the operating table, a physician administered ether. At the hip joint was a large projection, caused by the head of the dislocated femur pressing against the flesh. There was a corresponding depression in the groin, deep and discolored with the surrounding flesh shrunken and unnatural in appearance, indicating the point where the head of the dislocated bone belonged. The surgeon took the leg in his hands, drew it up at right angles to the body, and, holding it, paused to say: "The manipulations I am about to make might with ease break the bones of the leg. It is not necessary to break bones, however. It is only necessary to know how to handle them."

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JERUSALEM AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Jerusalem is the city that in a distinct sense stands for the religious element in human nature. Man has always felt that he was more than the beasts that perish, and Jerusalem is the perpetual witness to the intensity of this feeling. Inland, lifted up, rock-bound and rock-under-graded, Jerusalem, by all the pinnacles that have pierced the heavens from her temples, churches, mosques, by all the rocks that have gone into her massive walls, by all the wars that have raged around her devoted inhabitants, by all the blood that has reddened her streets, and by all the prayers and hymns from the love of her saints, has always voiced man's undying belief in God and the necessity he was under to love and serve Him. No city has been so often pillaged, so often demolished as Jerusalem; yet the smoke had hardly ceased to go up from her fire-swept ruins before her people began to rebuild her palaces and to re-build her walls. By turns, the nations surrounding her came up and emptied upon her devoted head all the resources of relentless fury, but amid it all and in spite of it all, this city of the conscience continued to weep and wall and sing songs and write prophecy and offer sacrifices. Her sufferings have made her great and have turned the very stones of her streets into objects of affection. For thousands of years human lips have been wearing away the stones of Jerusalem with their kisses. Jerusalem is a small city and has never been large, but it has had more influence upon the thought and sentiment and conduct of the human race than any other. Jerusalem has never had any commercial importance. Its only trade, the symbols and objects of affection, such as crosses and thorns, olive-wood, stamps and paper-weights, mother-of-pearl-carvings of the Savior's face, and pictures of the places connected with the Savior's life.

It is an unworldly city; it is without a theater, or a barroom or a dance-house, Jerusalem ministers to the lofty and great and holy in man, and stands for the eternal in human nature. Jerusalem is the only city on earth where every kind of money is current—Greek money, French money, Italian money, German money, American money, Egyptian money, Hindoo money, and every other sort of money is good for to the city of David the tribes of all the earth continue to go up; there they all find welcome. Jerusalem is the city of man, and enjoys the distinction of being the only city the Son of man ever wept over. The walls surrounding the city contain forty feet of human history. For 2500 years, Jerusalem has been the altar, the confessional, the mourners' bench of the human race. This has been the place where human nature has meditated, repented and aspired; here the infinite, the undying and spiritual in man have expressed themselves in the melody of song and the importunity of ceaseless prayer; here the currents which drift toward God in human nature have come to shore; here their swell and sweep have lifted themselves into the psalms of David, the prophecies of Isaiah and the writings of Jeremiah. The place has an infinite charm for poor, tempted, frail humanity, because here is the spot where One of our own flesh and blood first conquered the world, the flesh and the devil; here virtue and honor and purity and holiness and tenderness and pity and sympathy and charity were enthroned and invested with the prestige that comes from succeeding. They failed at Athens in Socrates, but they triumphed in Jerusalem in Jesus Christ. Human nature was dignified and enabled by the success of Christ at Je-

rusalem. He showed what man can be and do.

Everything and every place about Jerusalem is interesting. There is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is the cathedral not only of Palestine, but all Christendom. No sacred edifice on earth is the object of so much sentiment and affection. Here Christian belief in the resurrection has stood in mute stone for nearly sixteen centuries over the empty grave of our Lord, witnessing with a force no words can equal, to the fundamental and essential fact of the Christian religion. Here hard and unyielding rock has, by the power of creative Christian sentiment, been turned into the delicate tracery of lace-work. Here we have in small compass and under one roof an epitome of Christianity history. Here all orders and denominations and nationalities, found often wide apart in the great, broad world, get together in a common center. It is interesting and suggestive to know that under the roof of one Christian Church on earth there is room for all faiths. In this Church the whole world is represented; it belongs to no party or nation, but is owned by the Christian world, and because Christians have not yet advanced sufficiently in the spirit and charity of their Master to love one another as they ought, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is held in trust for them all by the Sultan of Turkey.

There is the Via Dolorosa, or the Pathway of Pain. This is the street over which Christ bore the cross to the place of crucifixion. It extends from the praetorium, the residence of Pilate, to Golgotha, or from the Turkish barracks to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. There are fourteen stations along the way, each one representing some particular event in the last walk of our Lord on earth. It is strange that this short way should mark the beginning of western civilization. Here the world learned a new secret of strength and a new method of life. Here began the street which has extended through the ages, and along which healthy, heroic, triumphant human life has walked ever since.

There is the Garden of Gethsemane, visited by more pilgrims than any other garden on earth. The Garden of Gethsemane, where the second Man triumphed, balances the Garden of Eden, where the first man failed. Paradise, lost by transgression, is replaced by the paradise gained by obedience. The agony of Gethsemane meets and overcomes the sin of Eden. These two gardens, because of their relation to the moral history of man, have become immortal. No emphatic disposition to locate the garden of Eden has manifested itself. Men are not much inclined to make pilgrimages to the places which register the beginnings of their lapses and wanderings, but the Garden of Gethsemane has been fixed by devotion and sentiment of nearly 1,600 years. Stratford-on-Avon will ever be dear to all noble minds, for there lived the man who gave compositions which have enriched the English tongue, but Gethsemane, as a whole, stands unrivaled and unapproached for human affection, because from thence came the report that it is impossible for God ever to cease to love sinners. The intimation from heaven, given in the agony of the last prayer in Gethsemane, that God takes an interest in the affairs of men, is the secret that makes it the sweetest place on earth.

Then there is the Mosque of Omar, where stood the great palaces and the temple of Solomon, the temporary and interior temple built by Nehemiah, and the gorgeous and magnificent temple built by Herod. What an appeal it presents to the imagination! Here in this mosque we have the rock, sixty feet one way and fifty the other, where Melchisedek offered sacrifices, where Abraham is said to have been in the act of offering Isaac; where, according to tradition, Jacob saw the ladder leading up to heaven; where was the threshing floor of Araunah; where was the site of the altar of burnt offering for Israel, upon which David sacrificed; where was the altar of the temples of Solomon, Zerubbabel and Herod, and where it is said Mohammed prayed, declaring that one prayer from this spot was worth a thousand elsewhere. How interesting it will be to see a reproduction of the mosque which stands upon the site of the temple that summed up and illustrated the glory of the Hebrew theocracy; the temple that emphasized the end of an era of conquest and progress, and marked the beginning of the period of a national decline and sorrow; the temple that replaced the tabernacle, but continued to teach the doctrine and foster the worship for which the tabernacle was built.

So we may take up the different buildings and valleys inside the walls of Jerusalem, and the mountains and valleys outside the walls, and connect with everyone of them is history

interesting to all sects and classes of people. This historic city has never been reproduced before, and yet it is the one place of all others that everyone wishes to see. When located upon ground topographically similar, with the walls about it resembling the walls of the ancient city, with all the gates and roads leading out from the gates, one can have as vivid a conception of the Holy City as if making an actual visit. What a great thing this will be for Sunday-school children, and for all persons interested in the study of the Bible, as well as all others interested in the study of religion generally! Not enough attention has been paid to institutions at our great expositions which look to the nourishment of the religious nature. Man has within him a commercial element, and a sportive element, and an artistic element; around these facts of human nature, great expositions heretofore have been usually grouped. Now the religious element in man is the deepest fact of his nature, and we only have to remember what vast sums of money are spent annually by tourists to see far-away Palestine, and Jerusalem, its capital, to know that the religious fact of human life is not only deeper, but one upon which men are willing to spend their money; and I firmly believe that Jerusalem, when reproduced at the World's Fair upon a scale that will give to persons a complete idea of its streets and of its topography and its life, will be the most interesting feature of the whole exposition.

Those who come with imagination to Jerusalem can see not one city only, but many. There is the Jerusalem of Melchisedek, living in his devotion, and standing serene and beautiful above the storms and clouds and changing fortunes of time. There is the Jerusalem of the Jebusites, anchored forever to the threshing floor of Araunah. There is the Jerusalem of David, with its palaces in song, its trees in song, its gates in song, its Mount of Olives in song, perpetually holding its place in the unending pulsations of divine music, refreshing the ear and charming the hearts of the saints of all ages. There is the Jerusalem of Solomon, with its temple covered with gold, gleaming under the sun of the deep Syrian sky throughout all time. There is the Jerusalem of Nehemiah, built with a weapon of warfare in one hand, and an implement of industry in the other, appealing to the strenuous of all ages. There is the Jerusalem of Isaiah, breathing in prophecy and falling in tears, but rising in aspirations that are never to pass away.

There is the Jerusalem of Jeremiah, changing with the cadences of his sad and mournful poem, but eternally fixed in the wailing and the tears of the prophet that God raised up to tell his native city of her sins. There is the Jerusalem of our Savior, with its temple, its palace of Herod, its Garden of Gethsemane and its Mount Calvary, permanent in the New Testament Scriptures. There is the Jerusalem of Titus, with its raging fire and mouldering ruins still burning and smoking in the glowing periods of the historian Josephus. And then there is the Jerusalem of the crusaders, with its songs and gallant knights living to-day in Tasso's verse, and loved to-day as in the time of Peter the Hermit.

Jerusalem means so much and is so intimately related to the whole history of the upward struggle of the race on earth, that it may be safely predicted for every one hundred persons who enter the grounds of the World's Fair ninety-five of them will pass through the gates into the reproduced City of Jerusalem.

NOTES FROM MARFA, TEXAS.

The New Mexico Conference, held at El Paso, Texas, September 24-28, presided over by Bishop Joseph S. Key, saw fit to change me from White Oaks, N. M., to Marfa, Texas.

Immediately after the adjournment of the conference, I made a visit back to "old Georgia," the home of my childhood and young manhood—the land of cotton, sweet potatoes and opossums. It goes without saying I had a nice visit. I have now returned to my work, feeling much better prepared for a good year's work.

The people of Marfa gave me a royal reception, and welcomed me as only Methodists can (when they will). This charge is composed of Marfa and Fort Davis. Marfa is a nice little town, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, about four hundred miles west of San Antonio and two hundred miles east of El Paso. There are about a thousand souls in this place—Americans and Mexicans. We have quite a good many Mexicans, as you will find in all these Texas border towns and cities. This and Fort Davis are great health resorts. At Marfa we have an elevation of 4500 feet, and at Fort Davis 5000. The latter place is among the Davis Mountains, and a more beautiful, picturesque place I don't think can be found in Texas. At one time Jeff Davis, the President of the South-

ern Confederacy, was stationed here, and in honor of him the place was named.

Least I should forget it, let me extend to you and the tired, overworked preachers in Central and Southern Texas an invitation to come out next summer and rest and cool off good.

We have just completed a nice little church here, at a cost of about \$2500. We only have a small band of Methodists, but they are a loyal and heroic set.

We are well equipped on this charge to do good work for our Lord, and, strengthened by His grace and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are going to render him the best service possible. We are hoping and praying for this to be one of the most fruitful years of our ministry.

Rev. T. L. Lallance takes the place of Rev. E. F. Goodson on the El Paso District. In Bro. Goodson the district lost a wide-awake, aggressive man, one whom the Church can trust with her best interest. Many of us in the bounds of this district feel a personal loss in Bro. Goodson. In Bro. Lallance we have a fine substitute. Have only known him a short while, but feel attached to him already. He is a man of God, cultured, one who likes to think and do his own thinking, sweet-spirited, as gentle as a father, in him the Church will find wise leadership, safe counsel and the preachers under him will find a warm-hearted friend.

We predict for Methodism and the cause of our blessed Master a year of rich fruitage in this western mission field. We intend to press the battle to the very gates of the enemy, and cry for the work to be done. "Establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it."

I came out here for my health, as many of my Texas friends know, I am glad to say it is almost entirely restored. When I tell my boarding-house people that I am a health-seeker they laugh, and I suppose they have a right to.

FAMILY PRAYER.

Is there a substitute for family prayer? If so, what is it and where is it? What paper has torn down those sacred altars? It is not Methodism, for it believes in raising and training for the Lord. Mother said the pants of some of the ministers were patched on the knee in her day. I suppose the cloth is a better quality now than then.

In those days they fasted and prayed before the Quarterly Conference, and the Spirit was with them in power. A good report then: Many souls born of God. A good report now: Finances well up.

I heard a good man say he had rather raise a family without a roof above their heads than to raise them without family prayer. His children can not say, "I never heard my parents pray," when space is widening.

I never saw a man that holds family prayer regularly but will pay his part of the Church money and voted the prohibition ticket. If there is an exception, write me. If a family altar was erected in every Methodist home and kept burning, we would soon hear the mighty rumbling of the great chariot wheels of peace and joy to all on earth, and at last be a united family in the great city beyond.

Thirty-seven years ago I erected a family altar, though I could not utter one word in prayer. Why I do not know. It is burning to-day, but some day disease and death may rob it of its power. Will a brother or sister commence this great duty and power for good in your family before another day shall pass? May the blessing of Him who never fails be with all.

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